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MISSIONS.—C. W. Barnes, T. S. Cowden, C. W. Rishell, S. G. Pollard, W. P. Jackson, W. N. Mason, C. J. Hartley, S. W. Campbell.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.—J. W. Magruder, Adam Bowers, T. H. Pearne, H. C. Weakley, Philip Trout, Henry Hershey.

NEW YORK BOOK ACCOUNTS.—U. G. Humphrey.

PARSONAGES.—J. Verity, E. McHugh, A. Hamilton, A. M. Griffith, H. G. Curless, C. H. Kalbfus.

PERIODICALS AND BOOK CONCERN ACCOUNTS.—E. S. Lewis, H. W. Bailey, D. L. Aultman, G. P. Austin, H. C. Middleton, J. A. Easton, S. W. Campbell.

POSTMASTER.—O. D. Becker.

PUBLIC WORSHIP.—E. T. Lane, T. H. Pearne.

PUBLICATION OF MINUTES.—Conference Secretaries and Conference Treasurer.

QUALIFICATION OF APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.—J. P. Porter, Geo. K. Morris, John W. Peters, M. E. Ketcham, Howard Henderson, W. L. Hypes, J. L. Glascock.

RESOLUTIONS.—J. R. Hunter, W. A. Deaton, G. V. Morris.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—A. U. Beall, J. W. Cassatt, J. H. Davis, C. D. Munsey, S. W. Carey, G. M. Fulton, P. C. Curnick.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL CAUSE.—Carey Crum, Charles Hartley, J. H. McNary, W. M. West, J. A. Winkler, F. E. Vance, C. J. Wells.

TRACT CAUSE.—Alpheus Austin, D. C. Washburn, G. W. Vorhis, L. F. Young, D. S. Ewry.

TEMPERANCE.—J. W. Bashford, M. Swadener, W. H. Sutherland, D. D. Cheney, A. H. Lucas, C. M. Van Pelt, Thos. Cundy.

TO AUDIT PUBLISHING COMMITTEE'S ACCOUNTS.—L. O. Deputy, L. M. Davis, C. W. Gullett.

TO NOMINATE STANDING COMMITTEES.—Geo. H. Dart, Wm. Runyan, W. G. Warner, G. L. Tufts, F. M. Kirgan, J. A. White.

CHRONOLOGICAL ROLL, 1893.

NOTE.—The numbers on the left of the name indicate the year of admission into full connection. The letter P on the right shows the attendance.

MEMBERS.			MEMBERS.		
1830	Wm. Herr,	P.	1859	James P. Shultz,	P.
1833	Adam Miller, . . . . .	.....	1860	John M. Walden,† . . . . .	.....
1838	Mighill Dustin,	P.	"	John H. Lease,	P.
1839	James L. Grover, . . . . .	.....	"	Sylvester Weeks,	P.
1840	Richard A. Arthur, . . . . .	.....	"	George W. Fee, . . . . .	.....
1841	Thos. H. Pearne,	P.	"	Newton W. Darlington, . . . . .	.....
1843	Asbury Lowrey, . . . . .	.....	"	George K. Morris,	P.
1844	Wm. I. Fee,	P.	1861	Thornton E. Fidler,	P.
"	Wesley Webster, . . . . .	.....	"	Isaac W. Joyce,† . . . . .	.....
"	Richard S. Rust,	P.	"	Simon McChesney,	P.
1845	Wm. H. Sutherland,	P.	1862	James Stephenson,	P.
1846	David H. Sargent,	P.	"	Thomas J. Harris, . . . . .	.....
1847	Lorenzo D. McCabe, . . . . .	.....	"	Michael J. Cramer, . . . . .	.....
1848	Truman S. Cowden,	P.	"	Jonathan Verity,	P.
"	Wm. J. Quarry,	P.	"	J. McKendree Shultz,	P.
"	Samuel B. Smith,	P.	"	Adna B. Leonard, . . . . .	.....
1849	Samuel D. Clayton,	P.	1865	Reuben K. Deem,	P.
"	Wm. B. Jackson,	P.	"	John S. Pumphrey,	P.
1850	Michael Kauffman,	P.	"	Wm. Runyan,	P.
"	Jas. T. Bail,	P.	"	Absalom M. Griffith,	P.
1851	Benj. Glascock, . . . . .	.....	"	Homer C. Middleton,	P.
"	Wm. L. Hypes,	P.	"	Wm. T. McMullen, . . . . .	.....
"	John F. Loyd,	P.	1866	John F. Hull, . . . . .	.....
"	Milton P. Zink, . . . . .	.....	"	David C. Vance,	P.
1852	John F. Marlay,	P.	"	James P. Porter,	P.
"	John W. Cassatt, . . . . .	.....	1867	Wm. P. Jackson,	P.
"	Thomas Collett,	P.	"	Samuel W. Carey,	P.
"	Silas Bennett, . . . . .	.....	"	John Pearson,	P.
"	Wm. H. Black, . . . . .	.....	"	James Murray,	P.
"	Alfred U. Beall,	P.	"	Adam Bowers,	P.
1853	Wm. Q. Shannon, . . . . .	.....	1868	Francis M. Clemans,	P.
1854	Henry Stokes,	P.	"	Andrew Hamilton,	P.
"	Timothy Wones,	P.	"	John W. Peters,	P.
1855	Wm. N. Williams,* . . . . .	.....	"	Randolph E. Smith,	P.
1856	John Vance,	P.	1869	Edward T. Wells,	P.
1857	George M. Edgar, . . . . .	.....	"	Carey T. Crum,	P.
"	William N. Maxey, . . . . .	.....	"	Frank G. Mitchell,	P.
"	Albert N. Spahr,	P.	1870	J. Raper Hunter,	P.
"	Charles H. Payne, . . . . .	.....	"	Richard H. Rust,	P.
1858	Evan P. James,	P.	1871	Seren N. Marsh, . . . . .	.....
"	George H. Dart,	P.	"	Wm. A. Robinson,	P.
"	Henry M. Keck,	P.	1872	Edmund Burdsall,	P.
"	David J. Starr,	P.	"	John Wilson,	P.
"	John W. Mason,	P.	"	James S. Whitney,	P.
"	Wm. B. Moler, . . . . .	.....	"	Henry Miller,	P.
"	John G. Black,	P.	"	Elisha C. Smith,	P.
"	Edward McHugh,	P.	"	David D. Cheney,	P.
"	John H. Middleton,	P.	"	Hugh Johnston,**	P.
"	William K. Brown,	P.	1873	Lucien M. Davis, . . . . .	.....
"	John L. Gregg,	P.	"	Charles H. Kalbfus,	P.
"	H. A. M. Henderson,	P.	"	Charles J. Wells,	P.
1859	Fletcher W. Hypes, . . . . .	.....	1873	Lafayette Young, . . . . .	.....
"	Sullivan W. Edmiston,	P.	"	Wm. M. West,	P.

* Deceased. † Honorary members. ** Transferred to Baltimore Conf.

MEMBERS.			MEMBERS.		
1875	D. Lee Aultman,	P.	1885	Gilbert P. Austin,	P.
1876	Wm. J. Baker,	P.	"	A. H. Lucas,	P.
"	John H. Davis, . . . . .	.....	1886	George M. Fulton,	P.
"	John A. Easton,	P.	"	Heber D. Ketcham,	P.
"	John W. Gaddis,	P.	"	Jacob L. Shively,	P.
"	James F. McColm,	P.	"	Geo. L. Tufts,	P.
"	Chas. W. Drees, ¶	P.	1887	John F. Laird,	P.
"	Thomas Cundy,	P.	"	John W. Shorten,	P.
"	Lyman E. Prentiss,	P.	"	Wm. R. Dudley, . . . . .	.....
1877	Allen D. Maddox,	P.	"	Amos T. Cowgill,	P.
"	Matthias M. Kugler,	P.	"	Frank E. Vance,	P.
"	George W. Dubois,	P.	1888	Alpheus B. Austin,	P.
"	Jacob E. H. Sentman,	P.	"	Samuel W. Campbell,	P.
"	Gilbert L. Travis,	P.	1889	Chas. W. Briggs,	P.
"	Joseph I. Taggart, . . . . .	.....	"	Owen M. Sellers,	P.
"	Davis W. Clark, †	P.	"	Rowland D. Powell, ¶ . . . . .	.....
"	James S. Ruggles,	P.	"	Thomas P. Walter,	P.
"	S. G. Pollard,	P.	1890	Thomas G. Williams,	P.
"	Henry W. Bailey,	P.	"	Oren D. Becker,	P.
1878	Frank Leever,	P.	"	Charles W. Elliott,	P.
"	Charles W. Rishell,	P.	"	Charles Hartley,	P.
"	William Macafee,*	P.	"	Eugene S. Gaddis,	P.
"	James W. Bashford,	P.	"	Ira Edgar Price,	P.
1879	Henry Witham,	P.	"	Abbott G. Newton,	P.
"	Henry C. Weakley,	P.	"	Henry Hershey,	P.
"	Stanley O. Royal,	P.	"	Isaac Clay Page,	P.
"	John A. White,	P.	"	John H. McNary,	P.
1880	David A. McColm,	P.	1891	James W. Magruder,	P.
"	Samuel B. Ricketts,	P.	"	Paul C. Curnick,	P.
"	Charles L. Conger,	P.	"	James E. Abrams,	P.
"	Jeremiah W. Hickman,	P.	"	Reuben S. McColm,	P.
"	Charles W. Gullett,	P.	"	Charles F. Enyart,	P.
"	Albert F. Dalbey, †† . . . . .	.....	1892	Jas. P. Gilliland, ¶ . . . . .	.....
1881	Valorous F. Brown,	P.	"	Gervaise Roughton,	P.
"	Benj. D. Hypes,	P.	"	John P. Nine,	P.
"	Edward T. Lane,	P.	"	Cyrus M. Van Pelt,	P.
"	Robert G. Easley,	P.	"	James R. Hill,	P.
"	Canaro D. Munsey,	P.	"	Geo. T. Perry,	P.
1882	Francis M. Kirgan,	P.	"	Wm. E. Spurrier,	P.
"	Leonidas O. Deputy,	P.	"	Frank C. English,	P.
"	Charles H. Haines,	P.	"	Philip Trout,	P.
"	Madison Swadener,	P.	"	John A. Winkler,	P.
"	Joseph P. Bishop, ¶¶ . . . . .	.....	"	Ira H. La Fetra, ¶ . . . . .	.....
1883	Charles W. Barnes,	P.	"	W. F. Albright, ¶ . . . . .	.....
"	Marion LeSourd,	P.	"	A. L. Brokaw,	P.
"	Winfield C. Helt,** . . . . .	.....	1893	John W. Lucas,	P.
"	D. W. C. Washburn,	P.	"	Ulysses G. Humphrey,	P.
1884	Edgar H. Cherington,	P.	"	George W. Vorhies,	P.
"	James L. Glascock,	P.	"	William H. Wehrley,	P.
"	John J. McCabe,	P.	"	William M. Coffman,	P.
"	Creighton Wones,	P.	"	Homer G. Curless,	P.
"	John G. Vaughan,	P.	"	Walter S. Gray,	P.
"	Merrick E. Ketcham,	P.	"	Albert C. Turrell,	P.
"	Edward S. Lewis,	P.	"	William A. Deaton,	P.
1885	Wilbur G. Warner,	P.	"	George V. Morris,	P.
"	John L. Dalbey,	P.	"	Marcellus B. Fuller,	P.

* Transferred to Ohio Conference.

† Transferred to Kentucky Conference.

¶ Transferred to South America Conference.

** Withdrawn.

†† Located.

¶¶ Deceased.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. AFTER the usual **opening** religious exercises, the Secretary shall read the Minutes of the previous session.
2. No **motion** shall be entertained by the Conference till such motion shall have been seconded.
3. All **motions** shall be reduced to writing, if desired by any member of the Conference.
4. Every member desiring to **speak** on any subject before the Conference shall rise and address the President.
5. The member who first rises and addresses the President shall be entitled to the **floor**.
6. No member shall **speak** more than once on the same subject till all who may desire to speak shall have spoken; nor more than fifteen minutes at a time, without leave of the Conference.
7. All questions of **order** shall be decided by the President, subject to an appeal to Conference, without debate.
8. When any question is under debate, no **motion** shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone, to commit, or to amend; but a motion to adjourn shall always be **in order**, and this, as well as a motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.
9. If the question before the Conference be capable of **division**, upon the call of any member, such question shall be divided.
10. The business of the Conference shall be conducted with **open doors**, unless otherwise ordered by the Conference.
11. Any question may be **reconsidered** on the motion of any member who may have voted with the majority.
12. If any member call for the **previous question**, and such call shall be sanctioned by a two-thirds vote of the Conference, the main question shall then be put.
13. Each **Committee** of the Conference shall choose its own **chairman**, unless the chairman be designated by the Conference or the President in the appointment of the Committee.
14. The members of the Conference shall assemble in the Conference-room punctually at the hour to which the Conference adjourned, and no member shall absent himself from the place of Conference session without **leave of absence**.
15. In all practicable cases, where **charges** are preferred against a member of Conference, notice shall be given to the President on the first day of the session, that, if it be judged proper, his name may be called, and the case referred to a Committee.
16. No member of Conference shall be subject to **arrest of character** without having been timely furnished, wherever practicable, with a written copy of the charges and specifications against him.
17. The vote on any question shall be taken by **ayes and noes**, upon the call of fifteen members.
18. The **roll** of the Conference shall not be called in open Conference for the purpose of obtaining **subscriptions** of money from the preachers, except for Conference expenses, unless it shall be ordered by a three-fourths vote of the members then present and voting.
19. The printed Minutes of the Conference, including all reports adopted by the Conference, officially signed by the President, and edited and attested by the Secretary, shall be the **official record** of its proceedings.
20. No member who has spoken on a pending motion shall have the right to call for the **previous question**, or to move to lay the same on the table.

II.

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

TROY, O., August 30, 1893.

Opening.—The Cincinnati Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met this day in Troy, O., for its forty-second session. At nine o'clock Bishop John F. Hurst, D. D., LL. D., took the chair. He read the fifty-second chapter of Isaiah, and announced hymn 798: "And are we yet alive, and see each other's face," and with the assistance of William Herr and the presiding elders, administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to two hundred and fifty-eight ministers and laymen.

Roll Call.—The Secretary of the last Conference called the roll, and a large number of members responded to their names.

Officers Elected.—Stanley O. Royal was elected Secretary, and V. F. Brown, Heber D. Ketcham, and D. Lee Aultman were elected his assistants. W. T. Stafford was elected Railroad Secretary.

W. J. Baker was elected Statistical Secretary, with I. C. Page and A. L. Brokaw assistants.

Calvin W. Elliott was elected Conference Treasurer, with O. M. Sellers and Calvin W. Horn assistants.

Bar.—On motion of D. J. Starr, the bar of the Conference was placed at the forward line of the fourth window from the front.

Time of Sessions.—On motion, eight o'clock in the morning was fixed as the hour of opening the sessions, the first half hour to be spent in devotional services, and a quarter to twelve as the time of closing.

Rules of Order.—On motion of D. J. Starr, the Rules of Order, as printed in the Minutes of last year, were adopted.

Transfers.—The following transfers were announced by the Bishop: To this Conference, from the North Ohio, H. W. Bailey, an elder; from the North Indiana, M. Swadener, an elder; from the California, J. P. Bishop, an elder; from the Indiana, C. F. Enyart, a deacon, and Thomas P. Walter, an elder; and from the South Kansas, J. H. McNary, an elder.

From the Cincinnati Conference: Charles W. Drees, an elder; George F. Arms, an elder; W. F. Albright, an elder; J. P. Gilliland, an elder; Ira H. La Fetra, Juan Canut du Bon, James Bengé, Willis T. Hoover, R. D. Powell, and H. B. Compton, deacons; all to the South American Conference.

Bishop's Address.—Bishop Hurst then made brief remarks, introductory to the business of the week.

Committees.—The list of Standing Committees as nominated last year was read, and after a few changes, they were adopted. (See page 157.) The Committee on Peace was dispensed with.

A Special Committee on Lakeside was formed as follows: R. H. Rust, D. W. Clark, C. W. Gullett, H. W. Bailey, W. H. Sutherland, and C. W. Barnes.

On motion of D. J. Starr, a Committee on Complimentary Resolutions was appointed. It consisted of D. J. Starr, T. H. Pearne, and R. S. Rust, and this Committee was by vote placed in the list of Standing Committees.

Claims of Superannuates.—After remarks by William Herr, it was voted that the Committee appointed at the last year's Conference (see Minutes 1892, page 39,) to consider proposed plans for a more equitable support of the superannuates, be re-appointed, and they were invited to present their report. (See Report, page .)

Labor Question.—A resolution offered by D. J. Starr, concerning Labor Day, was referred to the Committee on Labor.

Drafts Ordered.—The Bishop announced that the Conference was entitled to draw on the Chartered Fund for \$25, and the Book Concern for \$1,790 in favor of the Conference claimants. By vote the drafts were ordered.

Treasurer's Accounts.—E. T. Wells reported that the cause of the error in the Treasurer's accounts of two years ago had been discovered, and the amount of the deficiency, thirty dollars and ninety cents, was turned over to the Board of Stewards.

Leave of Absence.—Wm. Herr requested leave of absence for a few days, and it was by vote granted.

Papers Presented and Referred.—The Bishop presented papers from the Book Concern, respecting the support of Bishops, and they were referred to the Presiding Elders.

J. R. Hill was appointed to represent the periodicals, *Gospel in all Lands* and *Little Missionary*, and receive subscriptions for the same.

Papers respecting Ohio Wesleyan University and Sustentation of Superannuates, were referred to appropriate Standing Committees.

A communication from Rev. Josiah Strong, concerning the Evangelical Alliance, was read, and a Special Committee, consisting of T. H. Pearne, R. K. Deem, and A. Bowers, was appointed to consider the subject.

G. W. Vorhis was appointed to represent the *Methodist Review*, and take subscriptions for the same; and E. S. Gaddis to canvass for *The Divine Life*.

A. Lowrey.—A Committee consisting of T. H. Pearne, W. L. Hypes, and T. S. Cowden was appointed to write a letter of sympathy to Brother A. Lowrey. (For letter see page .)

Lectures on Oratory.—On motion of F. G. Mitchell, George K. Morris was invited to deliver a lecture each day on Sacred Oratory.

The Twenty-third Question.—“*Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*”—was taken up. The names of the following were called: S. W. Carey, T. J. Harris, R. A. Arthur, J. L. Grover, W. N. Maxey, and William Herr. Letters from and concerning the absent ones being read, they were continued in their present relation.

Afternoon Session.—By vote it was ordered that Conference assemble at two o'clock this afternoon for a Statistical Session. M. Dustin was appointed to preside, and J. S. Pumphrey to lead

the devotions. S. D. Clayton was appointed to lead the devotions to-morrow morning.

Visitor.—Rev. J. R. Colley, of the Oregon Conference, was introduced.

Announcements were made, and this sitting adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Hurst.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

THE Conference assembled at two o'clock, with M. Dustin in the chair. J. S. Pumphrey led the devotions.

That part of the Minutes of the morning session which provided for this, was read by the Secretary.

On motion of T. H. Pearne, it was ordered that the entire list of charges be called, before any district is recalled.

The list of charges was then called, the preachers in charge who were present reporting.

Hugh Johnston, D. D.—During this call, Bishop Hurst entered and took the chair. The credentials of Hugh Johnston, D. D., of the Canadian Methodist Church, were presented and read, and, after answering the Disciplinary questions, his orders were recognized and he was received into full membership as an elder. The Bishop then announced his transfer to the Baltimore Conference.

The call of charges having been completed, the session adjourned, W. H. Sutherland pronouncing the benediction.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, August 31, 1893.

Opening.—At 8 o'clock this morning the devotional services were opened under the leadership of S. D. Clayton. At 8.30, Bishop Hurst entered and took the chair.

Journal Read.—The Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read, and, after verbal corrections, were approved.

Superannuate Relation.—On motion of J. W. Mason, the relation of Fletcher W. Hypes was changed from supernumerary to superannuate, and his case was commended to the Board of Stewards for their favorable consideration.

On request of S. W. Edmiston, a Committee was appointed to investigate certain business complications reflecting upon his character. The Committee was appointed as follows: J. P. Porter, S. B. Smith, D. W. Clark, J. E. H. Sentman, C. W. Rishell, J. A. White, and D. D. Cheney.

Delinquents.—The Statistical Secretary read the list of charges whose reports had not been received.

Roll Call.—The Secretary called the names of absentees, and a number responded, and, by common consent, the further calling of the roll was dispensed with.

A. Lowrey.—T. H. Pearne offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

1. *Resolved*, That we respectfully request Bishop Hurst to reappoint Rev. Asbury Lowrey, D. D., to the editorship of *The Divine Life*.

2. *Resolved*, That we most cordially approve of *The Divine Life* as worthy of the full confidence and generous support of all our people who hunger and thirst after righteousness. The recent historical articles furnished therein of our illustrious dead—notably, Rev. John Fletcher, Bishop Asbury, Adam Clark, and others—are well calculated to exalt Methodism in the estimation of our people, and especially to be of service to our young people, less familiar than their seniors with the history of our eminent founders.

THOMAS H. PEARNE,

F. M. CLEMANS,

J. G. VAUGHAN,

and fifteen others.

A letter from Dr. Lowrey was read by the Secretary, and it was referred to the Committee already appointed to correspond with him.

Semi-Centennial Sermon.—M. Dustin offered the following resolution, and it was adopted :

WHEREAS, Rev. Wm. H. Sutherland, D. D., a member of this Conference, has been in the active work of the ministry continuously for fifty years; therefore,

Resolved, That Dr. Sutherland be, and is hereby, requested to preach before this Conference, at its next session, a Semi-centennial Sermon.

M. DUSTIN,

W. L. HYPES.

Boundaries.—A petition was presented, and read, from the St. Paris and Lena Charge, Central Ohio Conference, respecting a change in boundaries, and requesting that steps be taken by this Conference providing for their return to this Conference.

On motion of E. T. Wells, a Commission of five, to confer with a like Commission from the Central Ohio Conference, was appointed and constituted as follows: Presiding elders of the Dayton and Springfield Districts, the pastors of the First Church, Urbana, and Green-Street, Piqua, and John Pearson.

The Thirteenth Question—“*Was the Character of Each Preacher Examined?*”—was called. John Pearson, the presiding elder of the Cincinnati District, read the report of the work under his care. (For Report see page 205.)

On motion of F. G. Mitchell, pastors were instructed to report the amounts received for missions and Conference claimants, and whether each of the other collections had been taken.

On motion of A. U. Beall, the pastors were requested, in case any collection was omitted, to state the reason for its omission.

The names of the effective elders of the district were then called. They presented their reports, and their character passed, as follows: J. W. Peters, A. U. Beall, C. W. Rishell, C. L. Conger, S. G. Pollard, M. Swadener, Creighton Wones, A. D. Maddox, G. L. Tufts, Edward McHugh, J. J. McCabe, J. H. Lease, D. J. Starr, John Wilson, Geo. K. Morris, E. S. Lewis, S. McChesney, A. B. Austin, H. D. Ketcham, L. F. Young, W. K. Brown, D. W. C. Washburn, D. Lee Aultman, F. M. Kirgan, W. G. Warner, S. Weeks, R. S. Rust, C. H. Payne, J. W. Bashford, R. H. Rust, A. Lowrey, H. C. Weakley, and M. J. Cramer.

Bishop's Ruling.—On request of W. L. Hypes, the Bishop gave his ruling concerning the requirement of the Discipline that preachers report the Church Extension collection. The Bishop decided that the Discipline does not compel an audible report, but that the manner of report is left for the Conference to determine.

The Thirteenth Question was continued. E. T. Wells, the presiding elder of the Dayton District, read his report. (For Report, see page 208.)

The effective elders of the district were called; those in charge reported their collections, and the character of each passed, viz.: J. F. McColm, J. W. Gaddis, J. L. Dalbey, C. H. Haines, Wm. Macafee, D. W. Clark, J. G. Vaughan, Jonathan Verity,

Henry Miller, A. N. Spahr, W. M. West, T. S. Cowden, F. G. Mitchell, J. R. Hunter, V. F. Brown, A. B. Leonard, W. I. Fee, E. P. James, A. L. Brokaw.

When the name of T. S. Cowden was called, his presiding elder asked for him a superannuate relation. The request was granted, and his case was recommended to the Board of Stewards. A Committee, consisting of A. N. Spahr, M. Dustin, and F. G. Mitchell, was appointed to draft appropriate resolutions concerning this change of relation.

J. F. Marlay, presiding elder of the Springfield District, read his report. (See page 219.)

The names of the following elders were called: J. S. Pumphrey, D. D. Cheney, I. C. Page, D. A. McCollm, B. D. Hypes, L. O. Deputy, C. W. Barnes, A. H. Lucas, C. D. Munsey, G. W. Dubois, E. Burdsall, T. H. Pearne, D. C. Vance, H. C. Middleton, L. D. McCabe, and T. P. Walter; their character passed, and they made their reports.

When the name of W. C. Helt was called, a letter from him was read, requesting to withdraw from the ministry and the Church. The request was granted.

The Ripley District was called. J. W. Mason, presiding elder, reported his work. The elders of the district, G. M. Fulton, J. P. Shultz, S. W. Campbell, Ira E. Price, R. E. Smith, C. W. Briggs, W. J. Baker, J. S. Whitney, Henry Witham, C. J. Wells, J. F. Laird, W. H. Sutherland, and W. P. Jackson, reported their collections, and their character passed. (For Presiding Elder's Report, see page 218.)

The Hillsboro District was called. William Runyan, P. E., reported his work. (See page 215.) The elders of the district reported their collections, and their character passed, as follows: Charles Hartley, O. D. Becker, J. A. Easton, C. T. Crum, Marion LeSourd, James Murray, J. H. Middleton, O. M. Sellers, J. McK. Shultz, J. F. Loyd, A. T. Cowgill, R. K. Deem, J. E. H. Sentman, H. W. Bailey, L. M. Davis, G. P. Austin, and E. T. Lane.

When the names of J. H. Middleton and J. F. Loyd were called, the presiding elder requested for each a superannuate relation. The request was granted, and they each addressed the Conference in tender and fitting words. The Committee on Resolutions in the case of T. S. Cowden was requested to in-

clude these brethren in their resolutions. The Conference Stewards were requested to consider their needs.

Visitors.—The following visitors were introduced: J. W. Stewart, of the South Kansas Conference; W. A. Robinson, D. D., of the Kentucky Conference; Lewis Curts, D. D., of the Rock River Conference; E. T. Smith, of the English Lutheran Church; and P. M. Waddell, of the Baptist Church, of Piqua.

E. McHugh was appointed to lead the devotions to-morrow morning. Announcements were made, and the session closed with the benediction by Bishop Hurst.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, September 1, 1893.

Devotions.—The session began with a half an hour's prayer and speaking meeting led by E. McHugh. At half past eight, Bishop Hurst being in the chair, the Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The Twenty-third Question—"Who are the Superannuated Preachers?"—was taken up. Their names were called as follows: W. J. Quarry, W. T. McMullen, N. W. Darlington, Benjamin Glascock, M. Kauffinan, S. Bennett, Adam Miller, A. M. Griffith, W. B. Jackson, Wesley Webster, D. H. Sargent, J. F. Hull, S. N. Marsh, T. E. Fidler, E. C. Smith, Timothy Wones, G. W. Fee, J. L. Gregg, J. G. Black, M. P. Zink, G. M. Edgar, J. Vance, J. W. Cassatt, H. M. Keck, Henry Stokes, and they were continued in a superannuated relation.

On motion of William Runyan, the needs of J. F. Loyd were referred to the Board of Conference Stewards.

Memorial Service.—On motion of A. Bowers, the Memorial Service was fixed as the Order of the Day for Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

J. F. Loyd asked leave of absence for the Committee on Memoirs, which was granted. Leave of absence was also granted T. S. Cowden.

S. W. Edmiston.—The report of the Committee appointed to consider the case of S. W. Edmiston was read by J. P. Porter, and it was adopted as follows:

Your Committee, having carefully considered the rumors circulating concerning certain business transactions of Rev. S. W. Edmiston, respect-

fully report that they have no grounds for accusation, and recommend that his character pass.

J. P. PORTER, *Chairman*.

C. W. RISHELL, *Secretary*.

Memorial Stones.—J. A. Easton called the attention of the Conference to the neglected condition of the grave of Rev. A. M. Lorain. A Committee was appointed, consisting of J. A. Easton, Homer C. Middleton, W. L. Hypes, E. McHugh, and W. I. Fee, to take into consideration this and other cases of neglected graves of preachers.

The Twenty-second Question—"Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?"—was taken up. The following names were called: W. Q. Shannon, S. B. Ricketts, J. L. Glascock, J. S. Ruggles, S. B. Smith, W. L. Hypes, W. B. Moler, W. H. Black, and they were continued in a supernumerary relation.

G. L. Travis, S. D. Clayton, E. S. Gaddis, and J. W. Hickman were given an effective relation.

S. W. Edmiston was granted a superannuated relation.

A. F. Dalbey was located at his own request.

The case of S. W. Edmiston was referred to the Board of Stewards for consideration, but without instructions.

Evangelistic Services.—D. Lee Aultman offered the following resolution, and it was adopted:

WHEREAS, Our Conference sessions are coming to be more and more business sessions; and

WHEREAS, The Churches that entertain us do not receive the spiritual benefit that they have a right to expect; therefore,

Resolved, That at the session of our Conference next year we recommend that afternoon sessions be held, at which time we shall hear our General Conference representatives and others who may come to us in the interests of the benevolences of the Church, and that our evening services be devoted to preaching and evangelistic work.

D. LEE AULTMAN,	M. DUSTIN,	T. H. PEARNE,
JOHN PEARSON,	G. H. DART,	HEBER D. KETCHAM,
A. U. BEALL,	J. A. EASTON,	J. L. GLASCOCK,

and fourteen others.

Domestic Missions.—The following report from the Board of Domestic Missions was presented by J. P. Porter, and read by the Secretary:

It gives the Board of Domestic Missions much satisfaction to report that our agent, Rev. W. I. Fee, D. D., has been doing most faithful and successful work during the year. This has been a source of joy to him-

self and delight to the people. We rejoice with him in his improved health. We request our presiding Bishop to reappoint Dr. Fee agent of this Society.

During the year Brother Fee has been under treatment by an oculist, and has been compelled to submit to several operations. To meet this heavy and unusual expense, we recommend that his case be referred to the Board of Stewards for a special appropriation.

C. W. GULLETT, *Secretary*.

J. P. PORTER, *President*.

State of the Church.—A Committee, on motion of D. C. Vance, was constituted to consider the State of the Church. The following were appointed: C. W. Rishell, M. E. Ketcham, A. Bowers, James Murray, J. P. Shultz, and G. W. Dubois.

Visitors.—The following visiting ministers were introduced: L. Curts, D. D., of the Rock River Conference; J. F. Goucher, D. D., of the Baltimore Conference; J. C. Hartzell, D. D., of the Louisiana Conference and Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society; Edwin A. Schell, D. D., General Secretary of the Epworth League; I. A. Rader, of the Virginia Conference; George S. Easton, of the Louisiana Conference; J. A. Story, of the Pittsburg Conference; D. C. McCollm, of the North Dakota Conference; E. W. S. Hammond, D. D., editor of the *Southwestern Christian Advocate*; W. C. Eckles, of the Lexington Conference; Rev. Deweese, of the Lutheran Church; Miss Pierce, Superintendent of the Deaconess Home; Revs. Robinson, Lindsey, and Culp, of the Central Ohio Conference; Rev. J. M. Roberts, of the Episcopal Church; T. C. Iliff, D. D., of Salt Lake City; Rev. Singleton, pastor of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Troy; Rev. R. E. Carney, of the Baptist Church, Troy; Rev. C. E. Hills, of the Presbyterian Church, Troy; and Rev. Kinsinger, of the English Lutheran Church, Troy.

Brief addresses were made by Dr. Schell, Dr. Curts, Dr. Goucher, and Dr. Hammond.

Papers referring to the Woman's College of Baltimore, and the Cincinnati Wesleyan College, were referred to the Committee on Education.

W. H. Black.—On motion of J. G. Vaughan, the Conference reconsidered the motion by which the character of W. H. Black was passed. A Committee of five was ordered to inquire into the case. (See page 175.)

H. A. M. Henderson and S. McChesney were added to the Committee on Labor.

The Seventh Question—“*Who are Admitted into Full Membership?*”—was taken up. Walter S. Gray, Albert C. Turrell, John W. Lucas, William A. Deaton, George V. Morris, Ulysses G. Humphrey, George W. Vorhis, William H. Wehrley, William M. Coffman, Homer G. Curless, and Marcellus B. Fuller, were called forward, responded to the Disciplinary questions, and were addressed by the Bishop. They reported their collections, were represented by their examiners and presiding elders, and were admitted into full membership, and those unordained were elected to deacons' orders, as follows: J. W. Lucas, U. G. Humphrey, G. W. Vorhis, W. H. Wehrley, W. M. Coffman, and H. G. Curless.

J. W. Lucas was required to pass an examination in Harman's Introduction and Logic next year.

Rufus G. Wyckoff was continued in the class of the second year on trial.

Leave of absence was granted W. I. Fee and G. W. Dubois to attend a funeral.

M. Swadener was appointed to conduct the devotional services to-morrow morning.

Notices were given, and the benediction was pronounced by T. C. Iliff.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, September 2, 1893.

Opening.—The devotional exercises were led by M. Swadener. At 8.30 o'clock Bishop Hurst entered and took the chair.

The Journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

The Eleventh Question—“*What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*”—was called. The recommendation of Charles E. Schenk was presented, and he was elected to deacon's orders. The recommendation of William C. Mitchell was read, and he was received on trial and elected to deacon's orders as a local preacher.

On motion of William Runyan, the Bishop was requested to leave Homer G. Curless without appointment, to attend theological school.

The Thirteenth Question —“ *Was the Character of Each Preacher Examined?* ”—was resumed. G. H. Dart, presiding elder of the Hamilton District, presented his report. (See page 212.)

F. M. Clemans made a short address to the retiring presiding elder on behalf of the preachers of the district, presenting a study-desk as a testimonial of their high regard.

The following effective elders of the district presented their reports, and their character passed: Frank Leever, J. T. Bail, C. W. Elliott, J. L. Shively, F. M. Clemans, C. W. Gullett, R. G. Easley, H. A. M. Henderson, J. P. Porter, Adam Bowers, J. W. Shorten, S. O. Royal, J. A. White, E. H. Cherington, James Stephenson, C. H. Kalbfus, A. Hamilton, T. Cundy, and Thomas Collett.

On motion of G. H. Dart, the Bishop was requested to re-appoint Thomas Collett agent of the Preachers' Relief Society.

The Eleventh Question was resumed. The recommendation of Washington R. Buckles, from West Elkton Quarterly Conference, was read. He was represented by the presiding elder and examiners, and elected to deacon's orders as a local preacher.

The Secretary read a letter from Mrs. J. H. Bayliss, contributing ten dollars to the Conference Claimant Fund.

Stewards' Report.—The final report of the Board of Stewards was read by J. S. Pumphrey, and adopted.

Memorial Services.—On motion of M. Dustin, the Order of the Day was taken up. The hymn,

“Servant of God, well done!”

was sung. Prayer was offered by Dr. R. S. Rust. M. Dustin, Chairman of the Committee on Memoirs, took the chair. The memoir of W. N. Williams was read by A. Bowers. One verse of the hymn,

“O, how sweet it will be!”

was sung. Remarks were made by E. T. Wells and J. T. Bail.

The memoir of J. P. Bishop was read by J. G. Black, which was followed by remarks by D. J. Starr, T. Wones, S. O. Royal, and E. Burdsall.

The memoir of Mrs. S. Tomlinson was read by E. Burdsall, followed with remarks by W. L. Hypes.

The memoir of Mrs. J. Verity was read by W. L. Hypes. Remarks followed by E. T. Wells, T. H. Pearne, and others.

The memoir of Mrs. S. B. Smith was read by F. M. Clemans. Remarks were made by D. C. Vance, D. J. Starr, J. P. Porter, and H. W. Bailey.

On motion of T. H. Pearne, the memoirs were all adopted, and the Secretary directed to edit and print them in the Minutes.

The Eleventh Question was resumed. The recommendations of William C. F. Lippert, from Bond Hill Quarterly Conference, and of Charles L. Chapman, from Glendale Quarterly Conference, were read. They were represented by Examining Committees and presiding elders, and elected to deacons' orders as local preachers.

The Twelfth Question—"What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?"—was taken up. The recommendation of Isaac R. Marshall, from Brandt Circuit Quarterly Conference, was read. He was favorably represented, and elected to elder's orders as a local deacon.

The Tenth Question—"What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?"—was taken up. Abbott G. Newton and Henry Hershey reported their collections, were favorably represented, and were elected to elders' orders. J. W. Magruder, Paul C. Curnick, R. S. McColm, E. S. Gaddis, and James E. Abrams reported their collections, were represented by presiding elders and examiners, and, having been previously ordained, were advanced to the grade of traveling elders.

Thomas G. Williams, not having appeared before the examiners, was continued in the class of the fourth year. John H. McNary was also continued in the class of the fourth year.

On motion of D. L. Aultman, the members of the class who had not completed the reading course were required to do so this year, James E. Abrams to read *Conybeare and Howson* and *Christlieb*, and James W. Magruder to read *Hurst* and *Christlieb*.

On motion, E. McHugh was added to the Committee on the State of the Church, and D. J. Starr to the Committee on Labor.

The Committee in the case of W. H. Black was announced by the Bishop as follows: F. M. Clemans, F. G. Mitchell, A. H. Lucas, J. Verity, and J. G. Vaughan.

On motion, an address by Bishop Hurst, on the American

University, was made the order of the day, for 10 o'clock, Monday.

On motion, it was ordered that another session be held, immediately after adjournment of the Woman's Missionary Anniversaries, this afternoon. R. S. Rust was appointed to preside. Announcements were made, the doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Hurst.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

CONFERENCE reassembled at 4.30 o'clock, R. S. Rust, by appointment of the Bishop, in the chair.

Chinese Question.—Chaplain C. C. McCabe, D. D., our Senior Missionary Secretary, was introduced, and, after some words of explanation, presented a paper concerning the action of Congress upon the exclusion of the Chinese, which was, upon motion, adopted as the sentiment of the Conference, and the Secretary was instructed, after the paper had been signed by the proper officers of the Conference, to forward the same to the Hon. George W. Houk, a member of the Lower House of Congress from the bounds of this Conference.

Church Extension.—Manley S. Hard, D. D., Assistant Secretary of the Church Extension Society, was introduced, and presented the annual report of that Society, which was, upon motion, referred to the Committee on Church Extension; after which he addressed the Conference.

Notices were given, and the session adjourned with the benediction by M. Kauffman.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, September 4, 1893.

THE devotional exercises this morning were conducted by J. G. Black. Bishop Hurst having taken the chair, the Minutes were read and approved. The Journal of Saturday afternoon session was also read and approved.

The Thirtieth Question—“*Where shall the Next Conference be held?*”—was taken up. Invitations were presented from Grace Church, Dayton, and from Wilmington. The latter place was accepted, and the vote accepting their invitation was made unanimous.

J. F. Marlay read to the Conference a letter of great interest from C. W. Drees, formerly a member, but now of the South America Conference. On motion of R. S. Rust, J. F. Marlay was requested to reply, expressing our gratification with his letter and wishing for him and the Conference to which he belongs continued success and prosperity.

The Fifth Question—“*Who have been Continued on Trial?*”—was taken up. The following persons reported their collections, were represented by presiding elders and examiners, and were continued on trial in the studies of the second year: Wm. M. Patton, David Herr, David S. Ewry, Calvin W. Horn, Benjamin F. Oswald, William T. Stafford, James D. Darling, Wilbur N. Mason, Charles E. Schenk, William P. McVey, William A. Wyant, Wilbur L. Y. Davis.

George H. Smith, not having appeared for examination, was continued on trial in the studies of the first year.

Visitors.—The following visitors were brought forward and introduced: M. S. Terry, D. D., professor of Old Testament Theology and Ministerial Training in Garrett Biblical Institute; Chauncey King, of the North Indiana Conference; C. C. McCabe, D. D., Missionary Secretary; J. B. Doughman, of the United Brethren Church; L. E. Prentiss, D. D., of the Holston Conference; and J. W. Hamilton, D. D., Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.

Drs. Terry and Hamilton made brief addresses concerning the work under their care.

On motion of A. Bowers, it was directed that the presiding elders' reports be published in the Minutes.

Mears Bequest.—Thomas H. Pearne presented the report of the Trustees of the Mears Bequest. It was ordered printed in the Minutes without reading.

Presiding Elder Districts.—The following paper, presented by J. P. Porter, was read and adopted by the Conference:

Resolved, That, in the judgment of this Conference, the best interests of the work within our bounds require that there be no change in the number of presiding elders' districts.

J. P. PORTER,	F. M. CLEMANS,	C. W. GULLETT,
V. F. BROWN,	W. L. HYPES,	JAMES STEPHENSON.

A. U. Beall offered the following as a substitute, which failed to carry:

Inasmuch as the office of presiding elder is becoming more and more administrative, with profound regard for Episcopal jurisdiction in said matter, we approve the request of the laymen of our Conference so to adjust the work to four districts as to give to each district an average of about forty appointments.

American University.—On motion of E. T. Wells, the Order of the Day was taken up, and Bishop Hurst addressed the Conference in the interests of the American University.

On motion of Dr. Bashford, the Conference made subscriptions to the Fund for the American University, amounting to six thousand dollars (\$6,000).

F. G. Mitchell was elected Treasurer of this Fund.

A collection for the sextons was taken, amounting to twenty-seven dollars and twenty-eight cents (\$27.28), and one for the pages, amounting to four dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50).

On motion of A. N. Spahr, the time of the session was extended.

Conference Claimant Funds.—The Board of Stewards made distributions of Conference Funds. (See Report, page 222.)

Mrs. A. B. Leonard.—W. L. Hypes announced the serious illness of Mrs. A. B. Leonard, and by his motion the Committee on Correspondence was directed to send her a telegram of sympathy.

On motion, it was decided that when we adjourn, it be to meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and the motion prevailed.

Leave of absence was granted C. H. Haines and J. R. Hunter.

The Secretary presented the Certificate of Ordination, and it was ordered printed in the Minutes:

This Certifies, That in Troy, Ohio, September 3, 1893, I ordained as Deacons in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Washington R. Buckles, Charles L. Chapman, William M. Coffman, Homer G. Curless, Wilbur L. Y. Davis, Ulysses G. Humphrey, William C. F. Lippert, John W. Lucas, William C. Mitchell, Charles E. Schenk, George W. Vorhis, and William H. Wehrley; and on the same day, and same place, assisted by elders, I ordained as Elders in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Henry Hershey, Isaac R. Marshall, and Abbott G. Newton.

JOHN F. HURST.

Troy, Ohio, September 4, 1893.

E. Burdsall was appointed to conduct the devotions this afternoon, and J. W. Bashford to preside at the afternoon session. Announcements were made, and the benediction was pronounced by J. W. Bashford.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

CONFERENCE reassembled at 2 o'clock this afternoon, J. W. Bashford in the chair, by the appointment of the Bishop. Devotional services were conducted by E. Burdsall.

Superannuates.—On motion of A. U. Beall, Thomas Collett was appointed to correspond with all superannuates living outside the bounds of the Conference, to secure the information required by the Discipline.

S. Weeks offered the report of the Conference Trustees. On motion, it was ordered printed, without reading. (See page 262.)

Missionary Sermon.—On motion of W. L. Hypes, J. P. Porter was requested to furnish to the *Western Christian Advocate* his Missionary Sermon delivered before the Conference, for publication in that periodical.

On motion of F. G. Mitchell, it was decided to omit the publication of the Detailed Missionary Report.

Reports.—A. Bowers presented the report of Special Committee on the World's Congress Auxiliary to the World's Columbian Exposition, and it was adopted. (See Report, page 261.)

Report of the Committee on Finance was read by F. M. Clemans, and was adopted. (For Report, see page 252.)

On motion of R. K. Deem, it was directed that the list of Standing Committees be called, and the reports be read in alphabetical order.

On motion of T. H. Pearne, the Committees appointed last year to report at this session were given precedence.

Support of Superannuates.—The report of the Committee appointed last year to consider a plan for the sustentation of superannuates was then read by T. H. Pearne. On motion of A. Bowers, it was ordered that the report be printed in the Conference Minutes, so that more intelligent action may be taken next year. (See page 268.)

Bishop Hurst, entering, took the chair.

The report of the Committee on the American Bible Society was read by D. J. Starr, and it was adopted. (See Report, page 243.)

The Special Committee on the case of W. H. Black reported through J. G. Vaughan, and it was adopted. (See Report, page 268.)

The report of the Committee on Church Extension was read by A. U. Beall, and it was adopted. (See Report, page 243.)

On motion of J. W. Mason, F. C. English and W. N. Mason were left without appointments, to attend school.

On motion of J. F. Marlay, the Conference requested the Bishop to appoint W. R. Dudley Chaplain to the Ohio Penitentiary.

The report of the Conference Board of Control of Deaconess Home was read by M. M. Kugler. After remarks by H. C. Weakley, the report was adopted. (See Report, page 245.)

A. U. Beall offered an amendment, pledging a collection from every charge, and the report as amended was adopted.

The Bishop, retiring, called George K. Morris to the chair.

That part of the report of the Committee on Education bearing on the Ohio Wesleyan University was read by C. W. Rishell, and it was adopted. (See Report, page 248.)

J. W. Bashford addressed the Conference in the interest of the university.

On motion of T. H. Pearne, P. P. Mast was elected his own successor as Trustee of the university, and M. J. Cramer and D. Lee Aultman as Visitors.

A. U. Beall moved that the collection for education go to the Ohio Wesleyan University, and the motion prevailed.

The report of the Committee on Epworth League was read by H. D. Ketcham, and it was adopted. (See Report, page 251.)

Statistical Report.—On motion of T. H. Pearne, the regular call of Committees was suspended, and the Statistical Secretary read his report by district footings. (See Report, pp. 225-242.)

D. W. Clark.—The following resolution was offered and adopted:

WHEREAS, Davis W. Clark, connected to this Conference by many tender ties, is soon to be transferred to another field of labor; we bespeak for him a cordial welcome where he goes, and express to him a Godspeed and a regret that he is to be separated from us.

J. W. PETERS, H. C. WEAKLEY,
R. H. RUST, W. L. HYPES,
F. G. MITCHELL,

Sacred Oratory.—The following was offered by J. W. Bashford:

WHEREAS, The Rev. George K. Morris, D. D., by request of the Conference, has delivered another course of inspiring and instructive lectures on Sacred Oratory; therefore,

Resolved, That we record our appreciation of so excellent an instructor in the art and science of elocution and oratory, and tender to Dr. Morris our sincere thanks for his admirable services.

S. B. SMITH, DAVIS W. CLARK,
FRANK G. MITCHELL, J. W. BASHFORD.

On motion of C. L. Conger, the Statistical Secretary was allowed to omit from the Minutes Table No. II, except the Recapitulation.

Leave of absence was granted George K. Morris, George V. Morris, and T. H. Pearne for the remainder of the session.

William Macafee.—The following paper was offered by D. J. Starr, and was adopted:

We learn with deep regret of the proposed transfer of Rev. William Macafee from the Cincinnati Conference. His uniform courtesy, ability, and

success as a Christian minister have won for him a leading place among us. We congratulate the Ohio Conference on this valuable accession to its ranks, and commend him to the fellowship of those with whom he is called to labor. If he should ever desire to return to us, we will welcome him with fraternal kindness, and will be glad to be associated with him again in Conference relation.

H. C. WEAKLEY,	PAUL C. CURNICK,	R. H. RUST,
FRANK G. MITCHELL,	S. MCCHESNEY,	D. J. STARR.
H. W. BAILEY,		

Notices were given, and the benediction was pronounced by A. Bowers.

SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, September 5, 1893.

CONFERENCE reassembled at 8 o'clock. Devotions were conducted by J. Murray.

At 8.30, W. L. Hypes, by appointment of the Bishop, occupied the chair.

Thanks.—J. Verity moved that we return our hearty thanks to the good people of Dayton, especially of Grace Church, for their invitation to hold our next session there, and we promise to accept at some future time. Carried.

Reports.—The Committee on Periodicals reported through C. L. Conger, and the report was adopted. (See Report, page 256.)

The Journal of Monday's forenoon and afternoon sessions was read and adopted.

J. H. Middleton and J. L. Gregg were granted leave of absence.

Reports.—The following reports were read and adopted:

Missions, by D. C. Vance. (See Report, page 255.)

Freedmen's Aid, by R. S. Rust. (See Report, page 253.)

On Deaconess Home and Christ Hospital, by H. A. M. Henderson. (See Report, page 246.)

Labor, by D. J. Starr. (See Report, page 254.)

Auditing Committee.—The Conference Treasurer, C. W. Elliott, asked for the appointment of a Committee to audit his accounts, and, on motion of F. G. Mitchell, the Committee was ordered. On motion of C. L. Conger, the present Auditing Committee was directed to discharge this duty.

Other Reports.—The reports of other Standing Committees were read and adopted, namely :

Observance of the Sabbath, by A. U. Beall. (See Report, page 256.)

Sunday-school Cause, by O. D. Becker. (See Report, page 259.)

Publishing Committee, by S. O. Royal. (See Report, page 263.)

Auditing Accounts, by Secretary. (See Report, page 263.)

Fasting and Prayer.—The following resolution was offered by W. I. Fee, and adopted :

Resolved, That we recommend to the members of the Conference that the third Friday in October be set apart as a day of fasting and prayer, with other appropriate religious services, for the conversion of at least ten thousand souls during this Conference year.

W. I. FEE,	J. G. VAUGHAN,
T. H. PEARNE,	M. DUSTIN,
D. LEE AULTMAN,	JOHN PEARSON.

Recent Superannuates.—A. N. Spahr offered the following concerning our members recently superannuated, and it was adopted :

WHEREAS, The joy of our annual reunion is somewhat marred by the retirement from the effective ranks of beloved and honored co-laborers ; therefore,

Resolved, That we deem it not simply a duty, but a great pleasure, to join in a tribute of loving praise to those who seek rest and wait until the Great Shepherd and Bishop transfers them to a limitless appointment in the heavenly Jerusalem ; and

WHEREAS, The Rev. T. S. Cowden, D. D., after forty-seven years of effective work, feels impelled to take a place in the superannuated ranks ; therefore,

Resolved, That we highly appreciate his ability as a preacher, and his long and successful service as a pastor and presiding elder, and we pray that grace may so abound toward him that at evening-time there may be light and abiding blessing upon his soul and home.

WHEREAS, The Rev. J. F. Loyd, D. D., after forty-four years of earnest work as a pastor, as a missionary in Cincinnati and among the soldiers, and in charge of institutions of learning, retires ; therefore,

Resolved, That, from the beginning, he has been a humble-minded, sweet-spirited, and consecrated helper in the gospel, and we invoke upon him and his devoted wife the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ ; and

WHEREAS, The Rev. J. H. Middleton, after thirty-five years of laborious service, retires also ; therefore,

Resolved, That we rejoice in the golden fruit already gathered in his

zealous and successful ministry, as seen in the membership of our Conference, as well as in the charges he has served, and commend him and his excellent wife to the God of all grace.

Resolved, That we thank God for such workmen, and pray that our Conference may ever be strong in men of like character and usefulness.

A. N. SPAHR,
M. DUSTIN,
FRANK G. MITCHELL.

Treasurer's Report.—C. W. Elliott, the Conference Treasurer, reported the amount of money received for benevolent collections, and paid to the proper Treasurers. His full report was ordered printed. (See pages 223-4.)

On motion of V. F. Brown, the aggregate of fractional moneys still in the Treasurer's hands was appropriated to the Publishing Committee.

On motion of H. A. M. Henderson, the Committee on Labor was ordered dropped from the list of Standing Committees.

M. E. Ketcham read the report of the Special Committee on the State of the Church, and it was adopted. (See page 257.)

G. L. Tufts offered the following, and it was adopted:

Appreciating, as a Conference, the importance of thorough preparation for the ministry of the gospel, in historical, systematic, exegetical, and practical theology, and desiring to assist all, and especially the younger members of the Conference, in such studies; therefore,

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to appoint a Committee of five, with authority to make all the arrangements for an Itinerants' Club, to be held sometime during the coming Conference year.

G. L. TUFTS,	J. P. PORTER,	S. O. ROYAL,
W. L. HYPES,	C. W. RISHELL,	JNO. PEARSON,
FRANK G. MITCHELL,	GEO. K. MORRIS,	E. T. WELLS.

The Committee called for by this report was appointed, as follows: G. K. Morris, G. L. Tufts, C. W. Rishell, W. L. Hypes, S. O. Royal.

Educational Report.—That part of the report of the Educational Committee bearing upon the Baltimore Woman's College was read by C. W. Rishell, and, upon motion, adopted. That part referring to the Cincinnati Wesleyan College was read and adopted. That part concerning Hillsboro Female College was read, the persons recommended were elected as Trustees, after which the item was adopted. The item referring to the Springfield College and High-school was read and adopted, and the per-

sons recommended for Trustees were elected. That part of the report referring to the Educational Commission was read and adopted, and Frank G. Mitchell was appointed to serve on the Commission in place of Davis W. Clark, transferred. That part referring to the Board of Education was read and adopted. On recommendation of the Educational Committee, T. H. Pearne and John Pearson were appointed Visitors to the Baltimore Woman's College. The part regarding our theological schools was read and adopted. (See Report, page 248.)

Tract Cause.—H. D. Ketcham read the report of the Committee on Tracts, and it was adopted.

New York Accounts.—J. W. Gaddis, Committee on New York Accounts, reported that he had collected \$324.

Post-Office.—A. B. Austin offered the following, which was adopted :

That the Secretary of this Conference be authorized to procure, before our next session, a set of pigeon-holes for the use of the postmaster, the same to be the property of the Conference, and brought to each session.

Lakeside.—The report of the Committee on Lakeside was read by R. H. Rust, and adopted. (See Report, page 254.)

Temperance.—The report of the Committee on Temperance was presented by James Murray, and adopted by a unanimous vote. (See Report, page 259.)

Conference Societies.—The list of officers for the various Conference Societies, Committees on Church Location, and Special Appointments for 1894, was read by H. D. Ketcham, and approved. (See page 156.)

Fraternal Greetings.—The Secretary read a telegram of greeting from N. D. McReynolds, Secretary of the Miami Ohio Christian Conference, now in session at Covington, Ohio, and the Conference directed him to reply, expressing our fraternal regard.

Preachers' Relief Society.—R. S. Rust addressed the Conference on the importance of the work of the Preachers' Relief Society. T. Collett gave a condensed statement of the present condition of the Society.

On motion of F. G. Mitchell, W. H. Sutherland was added to the Committee on Memoirs, and instructed to prepare an obituary of Mrs. W. R. Dudley, and have the same printed in the Minutes.

Evangelists.—A. U. Beall presented the following paper regarding evangelists, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That we recognize the approval of God upon the work of evangelists among us—men of God who have made full proof of their ministry, and whose loyalty to Methodist doctrine and usage is above question, and whose work has been crowned with extensive revivals and with blessed quickening to the Churches. We accept our action, that continues these brethren in honor among us, as an assurance of our sympathy and of our prayers. They are in our ranks, under conviction of duty, doing the work of the Master.

A. BOWERS,

A. U. BEALL,

E. BURDSALL.

Suppression of Vice.—A letter was read from the Secretary of the Western Society for the Suppression of Vice, and, on motion of D. J. Starr, the Conference reaffirmed its action of one year ago, as follows:

The following paper was presented by D. J. Starr, and it was adopted:

WHEREAS, The publication and circulation of immoral books, papers, and pictures is one of the prevailing evils of our times, and has done and is doing much to subvert virtue and destroy social purity and domestic happiness, by corrupting the thoughts and lives of all classes, especially the young; and

WHEREAS, The Society for the Suppression of Vice has destroyed over four tons of such publications, and has, during the past year, secured the arrest, conviction, and imprisonment of thirty-three vile persons, aggregating a term of over eight and a half years, and fines of \$3.725; and

WHEREAS, The Cincinnati Branch of the Society for the Suppression of Vice is within the bounds of our Conference; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Cincinnati Conference, that we heartily indorse the good work which is being done by this Society, and that we assure its officers of our co-operation with them in their great and difficult work in the interests of humanity.

D. J. STARR, R. E. SMITH,

J. W. BASHFORD, G. H. DART,

A. H. LUCAS, J. VERITY.

The list of Standing Committees was ordered printed, without reading.

On motion of Frank G. Mitchell, the Secretary was instructed

to secure railroad rates for next year. At this juncture, Bishop Hurst, entering, took the chair.

Complimentary Resolutions.—The Committee on Complimentary Resolutions reported through D. J. Starr. That part referring to Bishop Hurst was adopted by a unanimous rising vote. The other resolutions were then adopted by a rising vote.

On motion of H. C. Weakley, the time of the session was extended.

American University.—C. W. Rishell read that part of the report of the Educational Committee bearing upon the American University, and it was adopted. (See page 249.)

Orders Recognized.—The credentials of Rev. Stephen B. Timmons, from the Miami Congregational Association, were presented by John Pearson, and, on motion, his orders were recognized as a Local Elder.

The Ninth Question—“*What Members are in the Studies of the Fourth Year?*”—was taken up. The following persons were called, their character passed, they reported their collections, were represented by their examiners and their presiding elders, and advanced to the Class of the Fourth Year: Gervaise Roughton, John P. Nine, Cyrus M. Van Pelt, James R. Hill, George T. Perry, William E. Spurrier, Frank C. English, Philip Trout, John A. Winkler, and Charles F. Enyart.

The Fourth Question—“*Who have been Received on Trial?*”—was called. Isaac Ross Marshall was recommended by the Brandt Quarterly Conference, Dayton District; William C. F. Lippert, by the Bond Hill Quarterly Conference, Hamilton District; Charles L. Mackey, by the Glen View Quarterly Conference, New Jersey; Harley E. Armacost, by the Felicity Quarterly Conference, Ripley District; and Edward L. Hollingsworth, by the Asbury Quarterly Conference, Cincinnati District. The candidates were introduced to the Conference, reported by their examiners and presiding elders, and were received on trial. The last one named was left without an appointment, to attend one of our schools.

William Runyan.—R. K. Deem, on behalf of the pastors of the Hillsboro District, presented to William Runyan, the retiring

presiding elder, a testimonial of their high regard. A tender reply was made by Dr. Runyan.

M. Dustin moved that, after the reading of the Journal and the announcement of appointments, the Conference stand adjourned *sine die*.

On motion of D. J. Starr, the printed Minutes were made the official record of the Conference.

The Journal was read and approved.

The Bishop announced the hymn, beginning,

"And let our bodies part;"

after the singing of which, the Bishop led in prayer.

On motion of J. F. Marlay, M. M. Kugler was granted a supernumerary relation.

The following transfers were announced: W. A. Robinson, from the Kentucky Conference; L. E. Prentiss, from the Holston Conference; Davis W. Clark, to the Kentucky Conference; and William Macafee, to the Ohio Conference.

The appointments were then read, and the Conference adjourned *sine die*, with the benediction by Bishop Hurst.

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION.

TROY, OHIO, September 5, 1893.

The reports and proceedings herewith published were regularly adopted by the Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its session which was held August 30 to September 5, 1893, in this city.

The published Minutes, by the rules of the Conference, were made the official record of its proceedings.

S. O. ROYAL, SECRETARY.

JOHN F. HURST, PRESIDENT.

SPECIAL SERVICES.

MISSIONS.

TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 29TH, AT 7.30—Missionary sermon, preached by Rev. J. P. Porter.

EDUCATIONAL ANNIVERSARY.

WEDNESDAY, 7.30 P. M.—Rev. J. Pearson, D. D., in the chair. Addresses by Rev. R. H. Rust, D. D., and Rev. Howard Henderson, D. D.

EPWORTH LEAGUE ANNIVERSARY.

THURSDAY, 7.30 P. M.—Rev. Heber D. Ketcham presiding. Address by Rev. E. A. Schell, D. D.

CONSECRATION OF DEACONESSES.

FRIDAY, 3 P. M.—Rev. W. L. Hypes, D. D., presiding. Sermon by Rev. E. S. Lewis, D. D., followed by the consecration of four deaconesses by Bishop J. F. Hurst.

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

FRIDAY 7.30 P. M.—Stereopticon views of the South, and address by Rev. J. C. Hartzell, D. D.

W. F. M. S. AND W. H. M. S.—JOINT ANNIVERSARY.

SATURDAY, 3 P. M.—Addresses by Rev. J. W. Bashford, D. D., Mrs. E. T. Wells, and Mrs. I. D. Jones. Singing by Miss Nannie Verity.

SABBATH SERVICES.

8.30 A. M.—Conference love-feast, led by Rev. W. L. Hypes, D. D.
10.30 A. M.—Sermon by Bishop J. F. Hurst, and ordination of deacons.
2 P. M.—Sabbath-school rally; addresses by S. O. Royal, R. S. Rust, and S. D. Clayton.
3 P. M.—Sermon by Dr. M. S. Hard.
7.30 P. M.—Missionary address by Dr. C. C. McCabe.

LABOR QUESTION.

MONDAY, 7.30 P. M.—J. W. Bashford presiding. Addresses by Dr. G. K. Morris and Dr. Howard Henderson. (In Presbyterian Church.)

TEMPERANCE ANNIVERSARY.

MONDAY, 7.30 P. M.—S. B. Smith presiding. Address by C. W. Barnes.

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.

WEDNESDAY, 3 P. M.—Sermon, A. H. Lucas.

THURSDAY, 3 P. M.—Sermon, by Rev. Lewis Curts, D. D.

DAILY, 2. P. M.—Lectures on Pulpit Oratory, by Dr. G. K. Morris.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. Who have been received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?

Henry W. Bailey (elder), from the North Ohio Conference; Madison Swadener (elder), from the North Indiana Conference; Joseph P. Bishop (elder), from the California Conference; *Charles F. Enyart* (deacon), from the Indiana Conference; Thomas P. Walter (elder), from the Indiana Conference; John H. McNary (elder), from the South Kansas Conference; William A. Robinson (elder), from the Kentucky Conference; Lyman E. Prentiss (elder), from the Holston Conference; James R. Colley (elder), from the Oregon Conference.

2. Who have been Readmitted?

None.

3. Who have been received on Credentials, and from what Churches?
Hugh Johnston, from the Methodist Church of Canada.

4. Who have been received on Trial?

(a) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—*Isaac R. Marshall, William C. F. Lippert, Charles L. Mackey, Harley E. Armacost, Edward L. Hollingsworth.*

(b) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.—*William C. Mitchell.*

5. Who have been continued on Trial?

(a) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—*George H. Smith.*

(b) IN STUDIES OF SECOND YEAR.—*Rufus J. Wyckoff, William M. Patton, David Herr, David S. Ewrey, Calvin W. Horn, Benjamin F. Oswald, William T. Stafford, James D. Darling, Wilbur N. Mason, Charles E. Schenk, William P. McVey, William A. Wyant, Wilbur L. Y. Davis.*

(c) IN STUDIES OF THE THIRD YEAR.—None.

(d) IN STUDIES OF THE FOURTH YEAR.—None.

6. Who have been discontinued?

None.

7. Who have been admitted into Full Membership?

(a) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS THIS YEAR.—*John W. Lucas, Ulysses G. Humphrey, George W. Vorhis, William H. Wehrley, William M. Coffman, and Homer G. Curless.*

(b) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS PREVIOUSLY.—*Walter S. Gray, Albert C. Turrell, William A. Deaton, George V. Morris, and Marcellus B. Fuller.*

8. What Members are in Studies of Third Year?

(a) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR.—*John W. Lucas, Ulysses G. Humphrey, George W. Vorhis, William H. Wehrley, William*

M. Coffman, Homer G. Curless, Walter S. Gray, Albert C. Turrell, William A. Deaton, George V. Morris, and Marcellus B. Fuller.

(b) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP PREVIOUSLY.—None.

9. *What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?*

Thomas G. Williams, John H. McNary, Gervaise Roughton, John P. Nine, Cyrus M. Van Pelt, James R. Hill, George T. Perry, William E. Spurrier, Frank C. English, Philip Trout, John A. Winkler, and Charles F. Enyart.

10. *What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?*

(a) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR.—Abbott G. Newton and Henry Hershey.

(b) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS PREVIOUSLY.—James W. Magruder, Paul C. Curnick, James E. Abrams, Reuben S. McCohn, Eugene S. Gaddis.

11. *What Others have been elected and ordained Deacons?*

(a) AS LOCAL PREACHERS.—Charles E. Schenk, William C. F. Lippert, William C. Mitchell, Charles F. Chapman, Washington R. Buckles.

(b) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE.—Wilbur L. Y. Davis (elected last year).

12. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?*

(a) AS LOCAL DEACONS.—Isaac R. Marshall.

(b) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE.—None.

13. *Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?*

It was, in open Conference. The case of W. H. Black was referred to the presiding elder of the Cincinnati District for investigation.

14. *Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?*

Hugh Johnston, to the Baltimore Conference; Charles W. Drees, George F. Arms, W. F. Albright, J. P. Gilliland, Ira H. LaFetra, Juan Canut de Bon, James Bengé, Willis T. Hoover, R. D. Powell, and H. B. Compton, to the South American Conference; William Macafee, to the Ohio Conference; Davis W. Clark, to the Kentucky Conference.

15. *Who have Died?*

William N. Williams, Joseph P. Bishop.

16. *Who have been Located at their Own Request?*

A. F. Dalbey.

17. *Who have been Located?*

None.

18. *Who have Withdrawn?*

Winfield C. Helt.

19. *Who have been Permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?*

None.

20. *Who have been Expelled?*

None.

21. *What other Personal Notation should be made?*

Stephen B. Timmons, recognized as a local elder on credentials from the Congregational Church.

22. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

W. Q. Shannon, S. B. Ricketts, J. L. Glascock, J. S. Ruggles, S. B. Smith, W. L. Hypes, Wm. B. Moler, and M. M. Kugler.

23. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

Fletcher W. Hypes, T. S. Cowden, J. H. Middleton, J. F. Loyd, W. J. Quarry, W. T. McMullen, N. W. Darlington, B. Glascock, M. Kauffman, S. Bennett, A. Miller, A. M. Griffith, W. B. Jackson, Wesley Webster, D. H. Sargent, J. F. Hull, S. N. Marsh, T. E. Fidler, E. C. Smith, T. Wones, G. W. Fee, J. L. Gregg, J. G. Black, M. P. Zink, G. M. Edgar, J. Vance, J. W. Cassatt, H. M. Keck, Henry Stokes, J. L. Grover, R. A. Arthur, W. N. Maxey, J. I. Taggart, W. Herr, S. W. Carey, T. J. Harris, and S. W. Edmiston.

24. *Who are the Triers of Appeals?*

Wm. Runyan, G. H. Dart, E. Burdsall, W. A. Robinson, R. K. Deem, J. H. Lease, D. C. Vance.

25. *What is the Statistical Report for this Year?*

Members, 46,265. Probationers, 2,471. See Reports, pages 225-242.

26. *What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections as reported by the Conference Treasurer?*

\$72,181. See Report, pages 223-4.

27. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*

\$9,707.

28. *What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?*

\$9,172.03. See Report, page 222.

29. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*

See pages 193-195.

30. *Where shall the Next Conference be Held?*

Wilmington, Ohio.

APPOINTMENTS.

N. B —1. Post-office inserted in parentheses when different from appointment. 2. Supplies in brackets. 3. Numerals at right hand indicate the year of service entered upon.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

1. JOHN PEARSON, Pres. Elder, 6.
P. O., No. 11 McCormick Place, Mt. Auburn,
Cincinnati, O.
 2. Avondale, . . . J. W. Peters, 4.
 3. Bond Hill and Pleasant Ridge,
Charles E. Schenk, 1.
 4. Carthage and Elmwood Place,
F. M. Kirgan, 1.
 5. Cheviot, A. U. Beall, 3.
- CINCINNATI:
6. Asbury, . . . C. W. Rishell, 3.
 7. Camp Washington, Wm. P.
McVey, 1.
 8. Christie, . . . C. L. Conger, 2.
 9. Cincinnati Church Extension
Society, M. Swadener, 2.
 10. Columbia, . . S. G. Pollard, 2.
 11. Cummins ville, Creighton
Wones, 2.
 12. Fairmount, W. H. Suther-
land, 1.
 13. Finley, . . . G. Roughton, 4.
 14. McKendree, . . E. McHugh, 3.
 15. Mt. Auburn, . . R. H. Rust, 1.
 16. Mt. Lookout . . J. H. Lease, 4.
 17. North Fairmount, W. K.
Brown, 1.
 18. Pearl Street, . . D. J. Starr, 3.
 19. Pendleton, . Henry Hershey, 1.
 20. Price Hill, . . A. C. Turrell, 1.
 21. St. John, . . . E. S. Gaddis, 1.
 22. St. Paul, . . . G. K. Morris, 4.
 23. Trinity, . . . E. S. Lewis, 3.
 24. Walnut Hills, S. McChesney, 3.
 25. Wesley, . . J. W. Magruder, 2.
 26. York Street, . A. B. Austin, 2.
 27. Cleves and Addyston, C. L.
Mackey, 1.
 28. Clifton, . . . H. D. Ketcham, 2.
 29. Delhi, L. F. Young, 2.

30. Groesbeck, . . W. L. Y. Davis, 1.
31. Hartwell, Howard Henderson, 3.
32. Harrison, G. L. Tufts, 1.
33. Ivanhoe, . D. W. C. Washburn, 2.
34. Lockland-Wyoming—
A. Bowers, 2.
35. Loveland, . . . J. W. Hickman, 1.
36. Madisonville, D. Lee Aultman, 2.
37. Miami, J. W. Lucas, 2.
38. Newtown, . . . A. T. Cowgill, 5.
39. Norwood, . . . G. V. Morris, 3.
40. Riverside, . . Charles Hartley, 1.
41. Winton Place, Sylvester Weeks, 2.
42. R. S. Rust, Honorary Secretary
of the Freedmen's Aid and
Southern Education Society, 6;
member of St. Paul (Cincinnati)
Quarterly Conference.
43. C. H. Payne, Corresponding Sec-
retary of the Board of Educa-
tion, 6; member of St. Paul
(Cincinnati) Quarterly Confer-
ence.
44. J. W. Bashford, President of Ohio
Wesleyan University, 5; mem-
ber of Walnut Hills (Cincin-
nati) Quarterly Conference.
45. Asbury Lowrey, Editor of *Divine
Life*, 10; member of St. Paul
(Cincinnati) Quarterly Confer-
ence.
46. H. C. Weakley, Corresponding
Secretary of Deaconess Home,
5; member of Mt. Auburn
(Cincinnati) Quarterly Confer-
ence.
47. M. J. Cramer, Associate Editor of
German Theological Review,
3; member of Walnut Hills
(Cincinnati) Quarterly Confer-
ence.
48. E. L. Hollingsworth, left without
appointment, to attend one of
our schools, 1.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

49. E. T. WELLS, Presiding Elder, 2.
P. O., Dayton, O.
50. Camden and Summerville, J. T. Bail, 2.
51. Centerville, . . . J. W. Gaddis, 3.
52. Concord (Vandalia), J. P. Nine, 5.
DAYTON:
53. Broadway, . . F. M. Clemans, 1.
54. Carrollton and Homestead Avenue, G. W. Vorhis, 1.
55. Grace, . . . W. A. Robinson, 1.
56. Raper, . . . L. E. Prentiss, 1.
57. St. Paul, . . . E. Burdsall, 1.
58. Trinity, . . J. S. Pumphrey, 1.
59. Eaton, . . . J. L. Shively, 2.
60. Fairhaven, . . W. M. Coffman, 3.
61. Franklin, . . . C. H. Haines, 1.
62. Germantown, . W. A. Deaton, 3.
63. Glendale and Sharonville, C. W. Horn, 2.
64. Gordon, . . . J. McK. Shultz, 1.
65. Hamilton, . . . C. W. Gullett, 4.
66. Lewisburg, . . . G. L. Travis, 1.
67. Miamisburg, . M. E. Ketcham, 3.
68. Middletown, . . . S. O. Royal, 2.
69. New Paris, . . . W. M. West, 2.
70. Osborn, . . . D. A. McColm, 1.
71. Oxford, . . E. H. Cherington, 3.
72. Port Union (Stockton)—
James Stephenson, 3.
73. Red Lion, . . W. C. F. Lippert, 1.
74. Seven Mile, . . . A. Hamilton, 3.
75. Springboro, . . . C. F. Enyart, 1.
76. Venice (P. O., Ross), T. Cundy, 2.
77. Walker and Union (P. O., Reilly),
C. H. Kalbfus, 1.
78. West Alexandria, . . D. Herr, 2.
79. West Chester, [M. F. Nawley], 1.
80. West Elkton, . . To be supplied.
81. E. P. James, Assistant Agent
American Bible Society, 3;
member of Gordon Quarterly
Conference.
82. M. Dustin, Agent of Conference
Temperance Society, 5; mem-
ber of Broadway (Dayton)
Quarterly Conference.
83. W. Herr (superannuate), Chaplain
of Widow's Home, 3; member
of Grace (Dayton) Quarterly
Conference.
84. T. Collett, Financial Secretary,
Preachers' Relief Society, 6;
member of Middletown Quar-
terly Conference.
85. S. D. Clayton and J. Verity, Con-
ference evangelists.
86. G. H. Smith, H. G. Curless, and
R. J. Wyckoff, left without an
appointment to attend one of
our schools.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.

87. J. W. MASON, Presiding Elder, 5.
P. O., Georgetown, O.
88. Aberdeen [T. W. Williamson], 2.
89. Amelia, . . . W. P. Jackson, 1.
90. Batavia, . . . I. C. Page, 1.
91. Bethel, . . . W. C. Mitchell, 1.
92. Blue Creek, . . To be supplied.
93. Butlerville (P. O., Edenton),
[C. H. Winget.]
94. Centenary (P. O., Mulberry),
J. D. Darling, 2.
95. Chilo, . . . [A. D. Singer.]
96. Decatur, . . . A. G. Newton, 1.
97. Feesburg, . . T. G. Williams, 2.
98. Felicity, . . S. W. Campbell, 2.
99. Georgetown, . . M. B. Fuller, 1.
100. Goslen, . . . C. T. Crum, 1.
101. Jacksonville (Dunbarton), [A. W.
Hook.]
102. Laurel, . . . I. E. Price, 2.
103. Lebanon, . . . J. P. Porter, 2.
104. Maineville, . . G. T. Perry, 1.
105. Manchester, . . H. Witham, 1.
106. Marathon, . . H. E. Armacost, 1.
107. Milford, . . . R. E. Smith, 2.
108. Moscow, . . . C. W. Briggs, 2.
109. Mt. Orab, . . . W. J. Baker, 2.
110. Mt. Washington, C. W. Elliott, 1.
111. New Richmond, J. S. Whitney, 1.
112. Owensville and Newtonville—
(Owensville,) W. T. Stafford, 2.
113. Ripley, . . . J. E. Abrams, 1.
114. Summerside, . . C. J. Wells, 2.
115. West Union, . . J. F. Laird, 2.
116. Williamsburg, . G. M. Fulton, 1.

117. Williamsburg Circuit, W. S. Gray, 2.
 118. Winchester, U. G. Humphrey, 1.
 119. W. N. Mason, left without appointment to attend one of our schools.
 120. Frank C. English, left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

121. T. H. PEARNE, Pres. Elder, 1.
 P. O., Hillsboro, O.
 122. Belfast (Bell), . J. A. Winkler, 1.
 123. Bethany, . . . Frank Leever, 3.
 124. Blanchester, . J. H. McNary, 4.
 125. Bowersville, . . O. D. Becker, 4.
 126. Clarksville, . . J. A. Easton, 3.
 127. Greenfield, . . . M. LeSourd, 2.
 128. Hillsboro, . . . G. H. Dart, 1.
 129. Hillsboro Circuit, J. H. Davis, 1.
 130. Jamestown, . . . W. Runyan, 1.
 131. Lebanon Circuit, . . . [S. Hart.]
 132. Leesburg, . . . O. M. Sellers, 2.
 133. Lynchburg, . . John Wilson, 1.
 134. Martinsville, . . B. F. Oswald, 1.
 135. Mason, . . . J. W. Shorten, 2.
 136. Monroe, . . . J. A. White, 2.
 137. Montgomery, . T. P. Walters, 1.
 138. Morrow, . . . C. M. Van Pelt, 4.
 139. New Burlington, . . P. Trout, 3.
 140. New Jasper, . . R. S. McColm, 2.
 141. New Vienna and Lexington—
 D. D. Cheney, 1.
 142. Rainsboro, . . H. W. Bailey, 2.
 143. Sabina, . . . L. M. Davis, 5.
 144. Sinking Spring, W. E. Spurrier, 1.
 145. South Lebanon, . J. R. Colley, 1.
 146. Sugar Tree Ridge, To be supplied.
 147. Union (P. O., Spring Valley)—
 J. E. H. Sentman, 3.
 148. Waynesville, . A. D. Maddox, 1.
 149. Wilmington, . . E. T. Lane, 2.
XENIA:
 150. First Church, J. J. McCabe, 1.
 151. Trinity, . . . D. C. Vance, 3.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

152. J. F. MARLAY, Presiding Elder.
 P. O., Springfield, O.
 153. Arcanum, . . . J. F. McColm, 2.
 154. Brandt, . . . I. R. Marshall, 2.
 155. Catawba, . . . C. D. Munsey, 1.
 156. Cedarville, . . . F. E. Vance, 2.
 157. Christiansburg, . J. L. Dalbey, 3.
 158. Covington, . . . J. R. Hill, 3.
 159. Dialton, . . . W. A. Wyant, 2.
 160. Greenville, . . . A. N. Spahr, 3.
 161. King's Creek, . . D. S. Ewry, 1.
 162. Mechanicsburg, James Murray, 1.
 163. Mutual, . . . J. R. Hunter, 1.
 164. New Carlisle, . . J. P. Shultz, 1.
 165. New Moorefield, W. M. Patton, 1.
PIQUA:
 166. Grace, . . W. H. Wehrley, 1.
 167. Greene Street, F. G. Mitchell, 2.
 168. South Charleston, B. D. Hypes, 3.
 169. South Charleston Circuit—
 L. O. Deputy, 2.
SPRINGFIELD:
 170. Central, . . . C. W. Barnes, 4.
 171. Grace, . . . W. G. Warner, 1.
 172. High Street, . A. H. Lucas, 3.
 173. St. Paul, . . P. C. Curnick, 2.
 174. Tippecanoe and Milton—
 H. Miller, 1.
 175. Tremont City (P. O. Westville)—
 R. K. Deem, 1.
 176. Troy, . . . V. F. Brown, 4.
 177. Troy Circuit (Troy), A. L. Brokaw, 3.
URBANA:
 178. First Church, G. W. Dubois, 2.
 179. Grace, . . . J. G. Vaughan, 1.
 180. Yellow Springs, H. C. Middleton, 4.
 181. L. D. McCabe, Professor of Philosophy in Ohio Wesleyan University, 49; member of High Street (Springfield) Quarterly Conference.
 182. A. B. Leonard, Corresponding Secretary Missionary Society, 5; member of Greene Street (Piqua) Quarterly Conference.
 183. W. I. Fee, Agent of Conference Domestic Missionary Society, 2; member of Greene Street (Piqua) Quarterly Conference.
 184. W. R. Dudley, Chaplain Ohio Penitentiary.

SUPERNUMERARY PREACHERS.

W. H. Black,	McKendree, Washington, D. C., Quarterly Conf.
W. Q. Shannon,	First Church, Xenia, Quarterly Conference.
W. B. Moler,	Springfield, O., Quarterly Conference.
J. L. Glascock,	Mt. Lookout, Cincinnati, Quarterly Conference.
S. B. Ricketts,	Grace, Dayton, Quarterly Conference.
J. S. Ruggles,	Dayton, Ky., Quarterly Conference.
S. B. Smith,	144 Madison St., Grand Rapids, Mich.
W. L. Hypes,	Grace Church, Dayton, Quarterly Conference.
M. M. Kugler,	Cheviot Quarterly Conference.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS.

J. L. Grover,	Broad Street, Columbus, Quarterly Conference.
R. A. Arthur,	Addison, West Va., Quarterly Conference.
W. N. Maxey,	Lynchburg Quarterly Conference.
J. I. Taggart,	Rainsboro Quarterly Conference.
W. J. Quarry,	Felicity Quarterly Conference.
W. T. McMullen,	Owensville Quarterly Conference.
N. W. Darlington,	West Union Quarterly Conference.
B. Glascock,	Muncie, Ind., Quarterly Conference.
M. Kauffman,	St. Paul, Springfield, Quarterly Conference.
W. Herr,	Grace, Dayton, Quarterly Conference.
Adam Miller,	Clark Street, Chicago, Ill., Quarterly Conference.
A. M. Griffith,	Sabina Quarterly Conference.
W. B. Jackson,	First Church, Urbana, Quarterly Conference.
Wesley Webster,	South Charleston Quarterly Conference.
D. H. Sargent,	Lebanon Quarterly Conference.
S. N. Marsh,	San Fernando, Cal., Quarterly Conference.
J. F. Hull,	Rowland, Ala., Quarterly Conference.
T. E. Fidler,	Grace, Urbana, Quarterly Conference.
E. C. Smith,	Cleves Quarterly Conference.
J. G. Black,	New Carlisle Quarterly Conference.
H. M. Keck,	Hamilton Quarterly Conference.
M. P. Zink,	Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.
G. M. Edgar,	Wilmington Quarterly Conference.
Timothy Wones,	Central, Springfield, Quarterly Conference.
George W. Fee,	Mt. Orab Quarterly Conference.
Henry Stokes,	William St., Delaware, Quarterly Conf.
John L. Gregg,	Manhattan, Kan., Quarterly Conference.
John Vance,	New Moorefield Quarterly Conference.
S. W. Carey,	Grace, Urbana, Quarterly Conference.
Thomas J. Harris,	Norwood Quarterly Conference.
John W. Cassatt,	Greenville Quarterly Conference.
Silas Bennett,	Bellefontaine Quarterly Conference.
Thos. S. Cowden,	Troy Quarterly Conference.
F. W. Hypes,	Owensville Quarterly Conference.
J. H. Middleton,	Greenfield Quarterly Conference.
J. F. Loyd,	Delaware, O.
S. W. Edmiston,	Decatur Quarterly Conference.

III.

DIRECTORY.

BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

NAME.	BORN.	ENT'D MINISTRY.		Consecrated Bishop.	RESIDENCE.
		Conference.	Y'r		
THOMAS BOWMAN.....	July 15, 1817	Baltimore.....	1839	1872	St. Louis, Mo.
RANDOLPH SINKS FOSTER.....	Feb. 22, 1820	Ohio	1837	1872	Boston, Mass.
STEPHEN MASON MERRILL.....	Sept. 16, 1825	Ohio	1846	1872	Chicago, Ill.
EDWARD GAYER ANDREWS.....	Aug. 7, 1825	Oneida.....	1848	1872	New York, N. Y.
HENRY WHITE WARREN.....	Jan. 4, 1831	New England	1855	1880	Denver, Colo.
CYRUS DAVID FOSS.....	Jan. 17, 1834	New York.....	1857	1880	Philadelphia, Pa.
JOHN FLETCHER HURST.....	Aug. 17, 1834	Newark	1859	1880	Washington, D. C.
WILLIAM XAVIER NINDE.....	June 21, 1832	Black River...	1856	1884	Detroit, Mich.
JOHN MORGAN WALDEN.....	Feb. 11, 1831	Cincinnati...	1858	1884	Cincinnati, O.
WILLARD FRANCIS MALLALIEU.....	Dec. 11, 1828	New England	1858	1884	Buffalo, N. Y.
CHARLES HENRY FOWLER.....	Aug. 11, 1837	Rock River...	1861	1884	Minneapolis, Minn.
*WILLIAM TAYLOR.....	May 2, 1821	Baltimore.....	1843	1884	Bishop of Afrlca.
JOHN HEYL VINCENT.....	Feb. 23, 1832	New Jersey...	1853	1858	Topeka, Kan.
JAMES NEWBURY FITZGERALD.....	July 27, 1837	Newark	1862	1888	New Orleans, La.
ISAAC WILSON JOYCE.....	Oct. 11, 1836	N.W. Indiana	1859	1888	Chattanooga, Tenn.
JOHN PHILIP NEWMAN.....	Sept. 1, 1826	Oneida	1848	1888	Omaha, Neb.
DANIEL AYRES GOODSSELL.....	Nov. 5, 1840	N. Y. East....	1859	1888	San Francisco, Cal.
*JAMES MILLS THOBURN.....	Mar. 7, 1836	Pittsburg.....	1853	1888	Calcutta, India.

* Missionary Bishops.

MEMBERS AND PROBATIONERS.

NOTE.—Sa. stands for Superannuated, Sn. for Supernumerary.

No. of Years Effective.	NAME.	No. in List of Appointm'ts.	P. O. ADDRESS.
4	Abrams, J. E.,	113	Ripley.
26	Arthur, R. A.,	Sa.	Addison, W. Va.
1	Armacost, H. E.,	106	Marathon.
21	Aultman, D. L.,	36	Madisonville.
7	Austin, A. B.,	26	Cincinnati.
10	Austin, G. P., . . . . .	....	Waynesville.
45	Bail, J. T.,	50	Camden.
18	Bailey, H. W.,	142	Rainsboro.
19	Baker, W. J.,	109	Mt. Orab.
12	Barnes, C. W.,	170	Springfield.
18	Bashford, J. W.,	44	Delaware.
44	Beall, A. U.,	5	Cheviot.
5	Becker, O. D.,	125	Bowersville.
36	Bennett, S.,	Sa.	Bellefontaine.
37	Black, J. G.,	Sa.	New Carlisle.
34	Black, W. H.,	Sn.	Washington, D. C.
28	Bowers, A.,	34	Lockland-Wyoming.

No. of Years Effective.	NAME.	No. in List of Appoint- ments.	P. O. ADDRESS.
6	Briggs, C. W.,	108	Morrow.
2	Brokaw, A. L.,	177	Troy.
14	Brown, V. F.,	176	Troy.
37	Brown, W. K.,	17	Cincinnati.
24	Burdsall, E.,	57	Dayton.
7	Campbell, S. W.,	98	Felicity.
19	Carey, S. W.,	Sa.	Urbana.
42	Cassatt, J. W.,	Sa.	Greenville.
23	Cheney, D. D.,	141	New Vienna.
11	Cherington, E. H.,	71	Oxford.
42	Clayton, S. D.,	85	Dayton.
27	Clemans, F. M.,	53	Dayton.
2	Coffman, W. M.,	60	Fair Haven.
43	Collett, T.,	84	Middletown.
...	Colley, J. R.,	145	South Lebanon.
15	Conger, C. L.,	8	Cincinnati.
47	Cowden, T. S.,	Sa.	Troy.
8	Cowgill, A. T.,	38	Newtown.
11	Cramer, M. J.,	47	Orange, N. J.
26	Crum, C. T.,	100	Goshen.
19	Cundy, T.,	76	Ross.
3	Curless, H. G.,	86	Boston, Mass.
4	Curnick, P. C.,	173	Springfield.
10	Dalbey, J. L.,	157	Christiansburg.
2	Darling, J. D.,	94	Mulberry.
37	Dart, G. H.,	128	Hillsboro.
27	Darlington, N. W.,	Sa.	West Union.
19	Davis, J. H.,	129	Samantha.
22	Davis, L. M.,	143	Sabina.
2	Davis, W. L. Y.,	30	Groesbeck.
2	Deaton, W. A.,	62	Germantown.
30	Deem, R. K.,	175	Westville.
13	Deputy, L. O.,	169	South Charleston.
18	Dubois, G. W.,	178	Urbana.
8	Dudley, W. R.,	184	Columbus.
55	Dustin, M.,	82	Dayton.
11	Easley, R. G., . . . . .	.....
19	Easton, J. A.,	126	Clarksville.
34	Edgar, G. M.,	Sa.	Wilmington.
33	Edmiston, S. W.,	Sa.	Decatur.
5	Elliott, C. W.,	110	Mt. Washington.
3	English, F. C.,	120	Madison, N. J.
2	Euyart, C. F.,	75	Springboro.
2	Ewry, D. S.,	161	King's Creek.
28	Fee, G. W.,	Sa.	Mt. Orab.
51	Fee, W. I.,	183	Piqua.
30	Fidler, T. E.,	Sa.	Urbana.
3	Fuller, M. B.,	99	Georgetown.
9	Fulton, G. M.,	116	Williamsburg.
19	Gaddis, J. W.,	51	Centerville.
4	Gaddis, E. S.,	21	Cincinnati.
12	Glascock, B.,	Sa.	Muncie, Ind.
9	Glascock, J. I.,	Sn.	Mt. Lookout.
3	Gray, W. S.,	117	Williamsburg.

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No. of Years Effective . .	NAME.	No. in List of Appointments.	P. O. ADDRESS.
30	Gregg, J. L.,	Sa.	Manhattan, Kan.
19	Griffith, A. M.,	Sa.	Sabina.
34	Grover, J. L.,	Sa.	Columbus.
16	Gullett, C. W.,	65	Hamilton.
13	Haines, C. H.,	61	Franklin.
26	Hamilton, A.,	74	Seven Mile.
29	Harris, T. J.,	Sa.	Norwood.
6	Hartley, C. J.,	40	Riverside.
35	Henderson, H. A. M.,	31	Hartwell.
55	Herr, Wm.,	Sa.	Dayton.
2	Herr, D.,	78	West Alexandria.
5	Hershey, H.,	19	Cincinnati.
12	Hickman, J. W.,	35	Loveland.
3	Hill, J. R.,	158	Covington.
1	Hollingsworth, E. L.,	48	
2	Horn, C. W.,	63	Sharonville.
17	Hull, J. F.,	Sa.	Rowland, Ala.
3	Humphrey, U. G.,	118	Winchester.
25	Hunter, J. R.,	163	Mutual.
14	Hypes, B. D.,	168	South Charleston.
34	Hypes, F. W.,	Sa.	Owensville.
43	Hypes, W. L.,	Sn.	Dayton.
31	Jackson, W. B.,	Sa.	Urbana.
28	Jackson, W. P.,	89	Amelia.
37	James, E. P.,	81	Delaware.
22	Kalbfus, C. H.,	77	Reilly.
37	Kauffman, M.,	Sa.	Springfield.
32	Keck, H. M.,	Sa.	Hamilton.
9	Ketcham, H. D.,	28	Cincinnati.
11	Ketcham, M. E.,	67	Miamisburg.
13	Kirgan, F. M.,	4	Carthage.
17	Kugler, M. M.,	Sn.	Cheviot.
8	Laird, J. F.,	115	West Union.
14	Lane, E. T.,	149	Wilmington.
35	Lease, J. H.,	16	Cincinnati.
17	Leever, F.,	123	Bethany.
33	Leonard, A. B.,	182	150 Fifth Ave., New York.
12	LeSourd, M.,	127	Greenfield.
11	Lewis, E. S.,	23	Cincinnati.
1	Lippert, W. C. F.,	73	Red Lion.
45	Lowrey, A.,	45	150 Fifth Ave., New York.
44	Loyd, J. F.,	Sa.	Delaware.
10	Lucas, A. H.,	172	Springfield.
4	Lucas, J. W.,	37	Miami.
1	Mackey, C. L.,	27	Cleves.
4	Magruder, J. W.,	25	Cincinnati.
17	Maddox, A. D.,	148	Waynesville.
43	Marlay, J. F.,	152	Springfield.
13	Marsh, S. N.,	Sa.	Montecito, Cal.
2	Marshall, I. R.,	154	Brandt.
37	Mason, John,	87	Georgetown.
2	Mason, W. N.,	119	Boston, Mass.
9	Maxey, W. N.,	Sa.	Russell's.
11	McCabe, J. J.,	150	Xenia.

No. of Years Effective...	NAME.	No. in List of Appointm'ts.	P. O. ADDRESS.
50	McCabe, L. D.,	181	Delaware.
33	McChesney, S.,	24	Cincinnati.
15	McColm, D. A.,	70	Osborn.
19	McColm, J. F.,	153	Arcanum.
4	McColm, R. S.,	140	New Jasper.
37	McHugh, E.,	14	Cincinnati.
15	McMullen, W. T.,	Sa.	Owensville.
5	McNary, J. H.,	124	Blanchester.
2	McVey, W. P.,	7	Cincinnati.
30	Middleton, H. C.,	180	Yellow Springs.
36	Middleton, J. H.,	Sa.	Greenfield.
18	Miller, A.,	Sa.	Chicago, Ill.
23	Miller, H.,	174	Tippecanoe.
26	Mitchell, F. G.,	167	Piqua.
1	Mitchell, W. C.,	91	Bethel.
33	Morris, G. K.,	22	Cincinnati.
3	Morris, G. V.,	39	Norwood.
33	Moler, W. B.,	Sn.	Springfield.
14	Munsey, C. D.,	155	Catawba.
28	Murray, James,	162	Mechanicsburg.
6	Newton, A. G.,	96	Decatur.
4	Nine, J. P.,	52	Vandalia.
2	Oswald, B. F.,	134	Martinsville.
6	Page, I. C.,	90	Batavia.
2	Patton, W. M.,	165	New Moorefield.
36	Payne, C. H.,	43	150 Fifth Ave., New York.
50	Pearne, T. H.,	121	Hillsboro.
28	Pearson, Jno.,	1	Cincinnati.
3	Perry, G. T.,	104	Maineville.
27	Peters, J. W.,	2	Avondale, Cincinnati.
18	Pollard, S. G.,	10	Cincinnati.
29	Porter, J. P.,	103	Lebanon.
...	Prentiss, L. E.,	56	Dayton.
6	Price, I. E.,	102	Laurel.
20	Pumphrey, J. S.,	58	Dayton.
34	Quarry, W. J.,	Sa.	Felicity.
12	Ricketts, S. B.,	Sn.	Dayton.
15	Rishell, C. W.,	6	Cincinnati.
...	Robinson, W. A.,	55	Dayton.
16	Royal, S. O.,	68	Middletown.
3	Roughlon, G.,	13	Cincinnati.
15	Ruggles, J. S.,	Sn.	Dayton, Ky.
30	Runyan, Wm.,	130	Jamestown.
24	Rust, R. H.,	15	Cincinnati.
51	Rust, R. S.,	42	Cincinnati.
20	Sargent, D. H.,	Sa.	Lebanon.
2	Schenk, C. E.,	3	Pleasant Ridge.
6	Sellers, O. M.,	132	Leesburg.
18	Sentman, J. E. H.,	147	Spring Valley.
33	Shannon, W. Q.,	Sn.	Xenia.
9	Shively, J. L.,	59	Eaton.
8	Shorten, J. W.,	135	Mason.
33	Shultz, J. McK.,	64	Gordon.
36	Shultz, J. P.,	164	New Carlisle.

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No. of Years Effective.	NAME.	No. in List of Appointments.	P. O. ADDRESS.
17	Smith, E. C.,	Sa.	Cleves.
27	Smith, R. E.,	107	Milford.
45	Smith, S. B.,	Sn.	Grand Rapids, Mich.
2	Smith, G. H.,	86	Evanston, Ill.
38	Spahr, A. N.,	160	Greenville.
4	Spurrier, W. E.,	144	Sinking Springs.
2	Stafford, W. T.,	112	Owensville.
34	Starr, D. J.,	18	Cincinnati.
33	Stephenson, J.,	72	Stockton.
36	Stokes, H.,	Sa.	Delaware.
50	Sutherland, W. H.,	12	Cincinnati.
13	Swadener, M.,	9	Cincinnati.
5	Taggart, J. I.,	Sa.	Rainsboro.
26	Travis, G. L.,	66	Lewisburg.
4	Trout, P.,	139	New Burlington.
9	Tufts, G. L.,	32	Harrison.
3	Turrell, A. C.,	20	Cincinnati.
29	Vance, D. C.,	151	Xenia.
8	Vance, F. E.,	156	Cedarville.
35	Vance, John,	Sa.	New Moorefield.
4	Van Pelt, C. M.,	138	Morrow.
11	Vaughan, J. G.,	179	Urbana.
29	Verity, J.,	85	Dayton.
2	Vorhis, G. W.,	54	Dayton.
6	Walter, T. P.,	137	Montgomery.
8	Warner, W. G.,	171	Springfield.
5	Washburn, D. W. C.,	33	Ivanhoe.
16	Weakley, H. C.,	46	Cincinnati.
31	Webster, Wesley,	Sa.	South Charleston.
35	Weeks, S.,	41	Winton Place.
3	Wehrley, W. H.,	166	Piqua.
22	Wells, C. J.,	114	Summerside.
26	Wells, E. T.,	49	Dayton.
22	West, W. M.,	69	New Paris.
16	White, J. A.,	136	Monroe.
23	Whitney, J. S.,	111	New Richmond.
5	Williams, T. G.,	97	Feesburg.
23	Wilson, J.,	133	Lynchburg.
3	Winkler, J. A.,	122	Bell.
16	Witham, H.,	105	Manchester.
11	Wones, Creighton,	11	25th Ward, Cincinnati.
8	Wones, Timothy,	Sa.	Springfield.
2	Wyant, W. A.,	159	Dialton.
2	Wyckoff, R. J.,	86	
22	Young, L. F.,	29	Delhi.
40	Zink, M. P.,	Sa.	Hillsboro.

WIDOWS OF PREACHERS.

Baker, Mrs. M. G., Xenia, O.	Lee, Mrs. Thos., Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, O.
Bayliss, Mrs. J. H., 743 Orrington Avenue, Evanston, Ill.	Lovell, Mrs. Chas. R., Hamilton, O.
Bishop, Mrs. J. P., Springfield, O.	Mahon, Mrs. Wm., Madisonville, O.
Boyer, Mrs. W. M., Manchester, O.	Mathews, Mrs. J. McD., Hillsboro, O.
Brewster, Mrs. S. A., Springfield, O.	Meredith, Mrs. C. G., Springfield, O.
Callahan, Mrs. D., Georgetown, O.	Miesse, Mrs. Wm. H., 1333 Otis Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Chalfant, Mrs. J. F., Springdale, O.	Miller, Mrs. L. P., Madisonville, O.
Conrey, Mrs. S. F., 111 Grace Street, Syracuse, N. Y.	Morrow, Mrs. W., 1337 Q St., N. W., Washington, D. C.
Crum, Mrs. G. C., Xenia, O.	Musgrove, Mrs. A., Christiansburg, O.
Curry, Mrs. H. M., Hartwell, O.	McClelland, Mrs. J. F., ————
Ellsworth, Mrs. W. L., Springfield, O.	McDonald, Mrs. N., Springfield, O.
Ferguson, Mrs. C., 1405 Dakota Street, Dayton, O.	Newson, Mrs. Jos., New Carlisle, O.
Fowble, Mrs. J. W., New Moorefield, O.	Peregrine, Mrs. J. S., Winona, Minn.
Fyffe, Mrs. W. H., Batavia, O.	Purkhizer, Mrs. M. G., Hillsboro, O.
Gaddis, Mrs. M. P., Dayton, O.	Robinson, Mrs. J. M., Indianapolis, Ind.
Hall, Mrs. Jesse, Newport, Ky.	Shinn, Mrs. John, Marysville, O.
Hill, Mrs. J. J., Lebanon, O.	Smith, Mrs. James, 675 N. Delaware Street, Indianapolis, Ind.
Hines, Mrs. Wm. E., Williamsburg, O.	Stone, Mrs. J. W., Waverly, Iowa.
House, Mrs. Erwin, Mt. Auburn, Cincinnati, O.	Tibbitts, Mrs. A. W., Jamestown, O.
Irvin, Mrs. J. N., Columbus, O.	Van Cleve, Mrs. L. F., Troy, O.
Kalbfus, Mrs. C., Frostburg, Md.	Warnock, Mrs. D., Urbana, O.
Kennedy, Mrs. G. H., Tippecanoe, O.	Weakley, Mrs. J. W., Covington, Ky.
Keely, Mrs. J. W., Oxford, O.	West, Mrs. E. G., Urbana, O.
Kelley, Mrs. Geo. W., 34 S. 16th St., Richmond, Ind.	Whitmer, Mrs. D., Orient Hill, Xenia, O.
Ketcham, Mrs. C. W., Delaware, O.	
Kirk, Mrs. Eli, St. Paris, O.	

SUMMARY.

NO. MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE—

Superannuate,	37
Supernumerary,	9
Effective,	158
Total,	204
PROBATIONERS—Second Year,	14
First Year,	6
WIDOWS,	50

LOCAL PREACHERS.

[Names of ELDERS, in SMALL CAPS; of *Deacons*, in *italics*; and of Licentiates, in Roman letters. All post-offices are in Ohio.]

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

Askew, Robert, Cincinnati.
 Carmichael, Geo. C., Cincinnati.
 CONNELL, V., Madisonville.
 CURME, ARTHUR A., Cincinnati.
 Ehlers, C. W. A., Ivanhoe.
 Gilson, W. H., Cincinnati.
 Green, Otis, Cincinnati.
 HAMMELL, G. M., Cincinnati.
 HARTLEY, WILLIAM, Riverside.
 KILBREATH, J. P., Cincinnati.
 LEONARD, J. M., Cincinnati.
Locke, J. H., Winton Place.
 McComas, R. P., Madisonville.
 Meyers, Clifford, Cincinnati.
 Rowland, Chas. W., Cincinnati.
 SHALLCROSS, CHAS. C., Mt. Washington.
 Spraul, Chas. W., Hartwell.
 TIMMONS, S. B., Cincinnati.
 Van Cleve, John S., Cincinnati.
 Vaughn, Chas. E., Cincinnati.
Vigeon, Robt., Wyoming.
 Ware, T. J., Pleasant Ridge.
 Wolff, Louis W., Cincinnati.
 WRIGHT, H. W., Pleasant Ridge.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

ALBRIGHT, S. P., Sonora.
Chapman, C. L., Glendale.
 Clutch, David, Alcony.
 Cunningham, J., Gratis.
 DYER, O. W., Reiley.
 Ellis, Seth H., Springboro.
 Grennan, L. E., Oxford.
 HAGEMAN, R. S., Camp Hagerman.
 HOWREN, A. L., Brookville.
 Howell, Eli S., Seven Mile.
 Jaquish, E. L., Dayton.
 Johnson, Hiram, Eaton.
 Jones, T. S., Dayton.

Jones, Jesse E., Hollingsburg.
 MANNING, J. W., Dayton.
McCord, Wm., Oxford.
 PAYNE, DR. J. H., Middletown.
 Pierce, W. W., Gordon.
 POLING, WM. B., Dayton.
 RICHARDS, D. D., M. A., Seven Mile.
Scott, Samuel, Dayton.
 Staley, D., Miamisburg.
 Stewart, R. S., Dayton.
Thompson, E. B., Brecon.
 Voris, J. S., Dayton.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.

Arthur, E. J., Mt. Orab.
 Bennett, Fred. W., Williamsburg.
 Burdsall, Josiah, Owensville.
Burdsall, J. W., Marathon.
 Carr, W. M., Craver.
 Collins, W. O., Jacksonsville.
Cox, E., Point Pleasant.
 DAILEY, DAVID, Williamsburg.
 Ely, Charles, Henning's Mills.
Hall, W. G., Amelia.
Harmon, J. R., West Union.
Hart, Silas, Lebanon.
 Hibben, T. R., Fruit Hill.
Hill, J. P., Eastwood.
 Hill, Hezekiah, Craver.
Long, Jos. R., Eastwood.
 McMATH, JAMES, Moscow.
McNeilan, James, Dunkinsville.
 Moore, J. F., Felicity.
 PORTER, MOSES P., Ripley.
 Shriver, W. E., Dunkinsville.
 Shriver, Thos., Dunkinsville.
Singer, A. D., Chilo.
 Stevenson, Dan'l, Wamsley.
 Stiers, J. C., Hamersville.
 Stills, John, Batavia.
 Stone, Wm., Bethel.

THOMPSON, MILTON, Mt. Orab.
 Thoroman, S., West Union.
 WILLIAMSON, T. W., Aberdeen.
 Wright, J. W., Cherry Fork.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

Bell, Sheridan, Xenia.
 Belt, Jos. L., Bellbrook.
Buckles, W. R., Xenia.
Bowers, C. C., Port William.
 Burba, Sanford, Emerald.
 Craig, S. L., Oakland.
 Curles, A., Blanchester.
 Davis, A., New Market.
 Fenton, J. W., Hillsboro.
 Fulton, Robert, Lynchburg.
 Griffith, Wm. H., Marshall.
 HITE, ADDISON, Sinking Spring.
 Hough, W. S., Leesburg.
Johnson, Jacob, Bowersville.
 KNOX, ELIJAH L., Samantha.
 Long, J. A., Fairfax.
 Maulsbury, John, Montgomery.
 McCLUNG, JOHN M., Bethany.
 Murphy, G. W., Marshall.
 Nailor, J. S. Lovett's.
 Oldaker, J. W., Russell's.
 Redkey, Martin, Leesburg.

SHADE, J. W., Hillsboro.
 Spahr, Gideon, Lumberton.
 Stewart, B. S., Samantha.
 STORY, ROBERT, Greenfield.
 Wilburn, W. D. Xenia.
 WINGET, C. L., Blanchester.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

Cox, Jonathan, Yellow Springs.
 CROW, T. D., Urbana.
 DEUEL, A. C., Urbana.
 Dudley, J. W., Springfield.
 GUNN, J. W., Springfield.
 Johnson, Levi, Urbana.
 Koch, J. E., Arcanum.
 Martz, Geo., Greenville.
 Mark, E., Ellsworth.
Morris, Richard W., New Carlisle.
Raynor, William, Piqua.
 Rogers, Amos L., Jamestown.
 Rozell, J., Troy.
 Schowers, Abram, West Elkton.
 Smith, Dr. S. D., Piqua.
 Talbot, J. G. Urbana.
 Thompson, C. W., Covington.
 Van Cleve, C. L., Troy.
 Wells, T. B., Tippecanoe City.

IV.

PRESIDING ELDERS' REPORTS.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

JOHN PEARSON, Presiding Elder.

Bishop and Brethren of the Conference:

It is difficult, in the few minutes at command, to give even an approximately adequate view of the work being done in the Cincinnati District. A year of faithful labor, by pastors and people, has been rewarded with good success. The difficulties and the opportunities around us are great indeed. But I doubt if any district in Methodism has a more able, alert, and consecrated body of pastors, or a more genuine and generous membership. It gives me unmingled pleasure to testify to their devotion to God and their loyalty to Methodism. But I am also impressed that if our pastors would unitedly agree to seek the co-operation of the official members in a kind but faithful enforcement of the provisions of our Discipline along the lines of questionable amusements, business failures, and attendance on the means of grace, it would speedily increase our spiritual vigor, and presently more than make good the depletion of our ranks caused by those who would withdraw rather than walk orderly. It is time a veritable bugle-blast was sounded on this key throughout our Church.

Among the younger part of our congregations the work has been pressed with much vigor, and no work pays so well. The Epworth League has found a home in nearly every congregation. Dr. Lewis, as district president, has rendered very valuable service. There are 36 leagues in the district, containing nearly 3,000 members. There are also 11 Junior Leagues, and about each one is conducted on the plan of a class for the religious instruction of children, as ordered in ¶ 46, of the Discipline. I hail with great satisfaction this new agency in carrying out one of the most valuable, but also, until lately, one of the most neglected provisions of our great little book. The beneficent influence of the League is met all over the district. Thanks to God for the inspiration that led to its organization!

The standard of efficiency in Sunday-school organization is well maintained. It is now a rare thing to find a school run on the town-meeting plan. The Sunday-school Board and its control of the school is almost universal. We have not yet succeeded in getting many Church normal classes started, but an increasing number of schools have classes for teacher-study of lesson. The Bible, too, is coming into more general use in the schools, and I am glad to be able at last to report that in every school in the district there is a full supply of our own excellent literature. In over two-thirds of the schools the Church Catechism is used. I regret that a few schools are barren of conversions, but in the others nearly five hundred persons are reported to have been born of God. The pastors report in all nearly one thousand persons professing conversion, and over fifty that have entered into the experience of perfect love.

The Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Christ Hospital, on the 24th of last February, moved into their spacious and ideal location on Mt. Auburn. The property was purchased and fitted up by the children of the late James and Elizabeth Gamble, at a cost only a little short of \$100,000. The property has an area of about four and one-half acres. There are on it the large central brick building, now used for hospital purposes, and

two frame buildings occupied by the deaconesses, containing about forty rooms. This noble charity is so broad and Christlike that it deserves the most hearty support of not only our own people, but of the entire community. Nor is it a local work. Its benefactions are widespread. A large proportion, about one-half, of the patients in the hospital are from outside of Cincinnati, coming from every part of the Ohio valley. Consequently its support should come from this whole region.

Of our City Church Extension and Missionary work you will hear from its indefatigable president, Mr. Jesse R. Clark. Under the very efficient superintendency of Rev. Madison Swadener this work has been well sustained, and plans are now maturing, notwithstanding the financial stringency, to greatly enlarge its missionary operations the coming year.

The Glenn Home of the Woman's Home Missionary Society has been enabled to greatly reduce its debt, and has been doing valuable local missionary work. At this writing I have not yet received any report of its operations. They are, however, varied and valuable.

The Conference collections have been carefully looked after, but have suffered because of the great stringency of the money market. In nearly all cases the subscriptions for the principal collections were taken in good time; but, unfortunately, the collection of these subscriptions was, in many instances, deferred till near the close of the year, and consequently have suffered. Would it not be well to have this Conference arrange a schedule designating the respective months when the collections should be taken, and instructing the pastors to see that in each case the subscriptions be collected within thirty days, and the moneys paid into the respective treasuries? This would, by distributing the payments, lighten the burdens that now crowd into the last month of the year, and also assist our benevolent causes by in so far saving the interest now paid on borrowed money. It now seems likely that nearly all the collections will be up to those of last year, except the one which of all others should never be behind, viz.: the one for our Missionary Society. It looks now as though this would be nearly \$1,000 behind. *This pains me exceedingly*, especially as this process has been going on for some years past. But this Conference, and the Church generally, ought to know that more has been raised for the General Missionary Society and its two young sisters—the Woman's Foreign and the Woman's Home Missionary Societies—this last year, than any year for the last six. In 1888 the aggregate for these three Societies in this district was \$13,611; in 1893 it is \$15,052, or \$1,441 increase. In 1888 the Missionary Society received \$9,637; this year it receives only \$6,177—a decrease of \$3,460! In seven charges from which I have at this time reports, the collections for the Women's Societies aggregate from one to five hundred per cent more than the collections for the Parent Board. Every one must instantly see that there is here urgent need of readjustment. In one of the battles of the late war he who was afterward President R. B. Hayes, charging a battery with a small company, including the color-bearer, pushed away up to a hill-top, far in advance of the regiment. Pausing a moment, he heard the colonel, far in the rear, calling to him: "Bring back that flag!" Though a subordinate officer, he instantly answered: "Bring up your men!" In this focal center of women's missionary operations these women have planted the flag away up on the ramparts of the enemy, and who would dare say to them, "Bring back that flag!" With all our might let us address ourselves to the task of bringing up those men. The peril to our Missionary Society demands instant attention in several of our charges. The ability to arrest the alarming decline of the last few years is shown by the fact that the large aggregate of missionary offerings in these charges has rather increased in these years, and, in some, the current expenses, instead of declining, have largely increased, and in only one instance has the ministerial support been reduced. The detailed examination of these facts for the last ten years lies before me, and is, to say the least, very interesting—and suggestive.

In the matter of church building and improvement, the work of the

last few years is still being pushed. Soon after last Conference our beautiful church in Clifton was dedicated. The society was organized in the parlor of Dr. W. B. Davis, September 20, 1892. It consisted of thirty-one members, and has increased to fifty. Rev. H. D. Ketcham, the pastor, has during the year met with great and unexpected difficulties, but, by God's help and a wise administration, he has done an excellent year's work. For much the larger part of the year, on an average, more than half of the working force of this charge was incapacitated from service by reason of sickness or absence from the city. The little society met, in the death of Dr. Davis, a loss that was recognized as well-nigh irreparable; but God still lives, and his work goes on. We firmly believe God wants a Methodist Church in Clifton. Not one that will cater to worldliness or an exclusive aristocracy in the house of God; but one that will stand for the regnancy of the spiritual in all the relations of life, and that will, with ready feet and hands, and with a warm heart, seek the salvation of all, and welcome to the house of worship the poor and the rich. Just such a Methodist Episcopal Church, full of aggressive spiritual life and blessed with the accessories of a cultured Christianity, our noble band in Clifton is successfully seeking to establish. The church-building is of limestone, and is valued at about fifty thousand dollars, on which there remains only about five thousand dollars of debt.

At Mt. Auburn our people are now engaged in the erection of a church, also of limestone, that will cost about twenty-five thousand dollars, exclusive of an eight-thousand-dollar lot. It will be dedicated about the first of November, with a debt of not over six thousand dollars. Rev. J. J. McCabe, who for four years has served this charge, has displayed unusual ability and great tactfulness in managing affairs. His return for the fifth year is unanimously requested.

The new church-building at Cumminsville, Rev. C. Wones pastor, is now nearing inclosure. It will be a beautiful stone edifice. Our people there are vindicating all I said of them last year, and the appointment of Brother Wones has proved to be eminently providential. He has done excellent service and is greatly beloved. The Sunday-school and the congregations fill the large hall where they worship, and everything around indicates a vigorous life.

During the spring rains, the hillside on which our Columbia Church was located, slipped, seriously disturbing the church foundations and throwing down a large retaining wall that had been erected but a few months before at an expense of several hundred dollars. The Board of Church Location for the District was invited to consider the matter. The old site was badly located, but accepted long ago because somebody made the Church a present of the lot. The Church Location Board, after two visits, in which they carefully investigated the various available lots, unanimously recommended the abandonment of the old site and the purchase of the most central and commanding lots in all that section of the city. In accordance with that advice, the trustees have sold the old property for \$2,000, and put \$1,750 more to it, and purchased the three lots referred to on the corner of Stites Street and Eastern Avenue. The society is now worshipping in the old Town Hall, and intends soon as possible to push forward in the erection of a tasteful and commodious church-building.

Handsome improvements have been made in several churches, notably in Finley, where, among other things, a new pipe-organ has been put in by the pastor, Rev. G. Roughton, as a memorial to some recently called home, who, when he was a stranger in a strange land, took him in and treated him as a son and brother. There is a romance of truth here, such as is only seldom met. Finley improvements amount to \$1,100. At Norwood there have been much needed improvements, costing \$250, where Rev. George V. Morris has been doing very acceptable work. This Church has also this last year almost paid off the balance of \$600 indebtedness. Trinity Church, Dr. Lewis pastor, at a cost of \$450, carried through the

Sunday-school rooms the line of improvements made the previous year in the auditorium. Christie, Avondale, Asbury, Fairmount, Mt. Lookout, York Street, the Riverside Circuit, and Winton Place, all made valuable improvements, aggregating nearly \$2,000.

The affairs of the district are in good condition. But we cry out for a widespread revival that will bring the multitudes to Christ. May God soon send it!

DAYTON DISTRICT.

E. T. WELLS, Presiding Elder.

IN presenting this, my First Annual Report of the Dayton District to the Conference now assembled, I wish to say that my association with the brother pastors of the district has been most pleasant. Closer contact with and more intimate knowledge of these brethren in their fields of labor has impressed me with the great fidelity, goodness, and efficiency of our Methodist itinerants.

The preachers of the district have been consecrated to their work, patient, diligent, careful, and zealous in their spirit and action, doing, as I believe, their very best for the Master and his cause. The district has been well manned, and that part of the work which has given greatest solicitude heretofore has been specially improved during the past year. I refer to the work of the circuits and the smaller places. The young men upon these charges have succeeded, in almost every instance, in bringing up these circuits and stations, in membership, benevolences, and their own local finances, beyond the mark of former years.

W. R. Buckles, who has been supplying the West Elkton Circuit, was so in favor with the people that, at the second Quarterly Conference, they desired to set aside the estimate made at the beginning of the year and give him all they could raise, without limit, so that, with a handsome donation, he comes to the end of the year with an excess over what they agreed to give him, and a unanimous request for his return.

The same was true of West Alexandria, D. Herr pastor. The Lord gave him a gracious revival, which brought very substantial help to the Church. More than fifty have been added to the membership, by letter and probation. The work was thorough, and the converts have become active members. One hundred dollars were added to the salary. An Epworth League was organized, and is prospering, with forty-five active members. Brother Herr took to himself a helper shortly after Conference, who has stood by his side in all his work and added materially to his success. The success of West Alexandria as a station is assured.

D. S. Ewry, on the Lewisburg work, was granted an increased support over the last year, and has had a prosperous pastorate, receiving, at Lewisburg, twenty-five adults into the membership of the Church.

J. W. Gaddis, at Centerville, has had the largest accession, in proportion to the number of members, of any charge on the district. He had a good work of revival at each of the three points on his circuit, resulting in eighty accessions to the membership. This is one of our most flourishing charges, Centerville, especially, being an active and church-going people, having a congregation filling the church at all times.

The Brandt work, supplied by E. R. Marshall, gives an increased support, and will report an increase of benevolent contributions, the finances all well up, so far as current expenses are concerned, which is a marked improvement over former years.

Gordon Circuit, Geo. W. Vorhis in charge, has been specially fruitful, as the statistics will show. There have been forty-five accessions. The benevolent collections are up to the apportionment in every case, the missionary collection twenty per cent in advance of last year, placing the

charge in the first class of those which have reached the million-and-a-quarter line, or over. The total increase, in this charge, of the benevolences, over the last year, is fifty-five per cent. The largest list of subscribers to the *Western Christian Advocate* in the patronizing territory was secured by Brother Vorhis, in this charge, being one subscriber for every three and a half members.

Troy Circuit, A. L. Brokaw in charge, has had a year of great prosperity: a blessed revival at each point, an advance in benevolences. A new and beautiful church has been built at Beech Bethel, which is about ready for dedication. It greets the traveler by the roadside, with its modern proportions and tower rising above the surrounding grove, with a glad surprise. This circuit has been transformed by the past two years of Brother Brokaw's pastorate.

Germantown and Carrollton are presided over by W. A. Deaton. A blessed work of ingathering was had at Carrollton, where large congregations greet the pastor and elder at their respective appointments. The ministerial support has gone from \$550 to \$750 during Brother Deaton's two years of service. Germantown has received from C. F. Gunckel, in memory of his sister, Mrs. Duckwall, a donation of \$500. Brother L. L. Clark also gave a donation of \$500, making a fund of \$1,000, the income of which is to go to the support of the Church, which will yield them \$80 per year. As a result, Germantown comes to this Conference asking to be made a station, promising a good support, and, if their present pastor could be continued, even willing to undertake to give him as much as both the charges have paid him together.

We have no more enterprising, loyal, and willing people anywhere than at Carrollton. It is proposed to unite them with a new society at Browntown, a South Dayton suburb. In the language of one of the official brethren at Carrollton, "We will work with anybody—whoever is sent—he is our man; we are thorough-breds!" O for more thoroughbred Methodists! This is something, Bishop and brethren, of what we mean by the work in the country and on the circuits being improved substantially during the past year.

Still other points have held up and maintained, with more or less increase, the work. J. P. Nine has had a good work on Concord Circuit, and is desired unanimously for a fifth year. J. R. Hill, at Covington, has sustained himself well, though the work has suffered loss from removals. J. R. Dalbey has endeared himself to the people of Christiansburg Circuit, and they feel that they can not get along without him for another year.

Henry Miller has put in a year of full and faithful service on the Fairfield Circuit, with special success at Osborn, where the people are earnest and zealous in the work of the Lord. The New Paris and Fort Jefferson work is a combination of the New Madison and New Paris Circuits, giving six appointments and three preaching services each Sabbath, for the pastor. Brother W. West has carried this heavy work for the past year.

Taking up, briefly, the stations, we note whatever may be of importance to report:

Arcanum, under the pastoral care of J. F. McColm, has had a good increase, not large in numbers, but very clear and thorough in quality.

At Greenville we have a strong society, good Official Board, a very flourishing and efficient Epworth League, which is a model in its management and usefulness. Brother Spahr has been urging upon his people the building of a church, which is much needed. A fine location, contiguous to the old site, can be procured, and, had it not been for the unprecedented change in the financial condition of the country, this enterprise would, ere this time, have been under way.

At Miamisburg we have a strong and solid society—the strongest Church, no doubt, financially, in proportion to their numbers, in the Cincinnati Conference. During this year they have wiped out the debt which was upon their parsonage, and are now in possession of two parsonages, and free from debt. Brother M. E. Ketcham has presided over this Church

with great acceptability. The meeting held in the early spring was a time of refreshing.

At Tippecanoe City and West Milton, J. R. Hunter has completed his fourth year, and his return for a fifth year is desired. This work has a special feature in its Epworth Leagues. These Leagues, at each appointment, have supplied the service on alternate Sabbath evenings, in the absence of the pastor, during the year, and have had the presence and attention of large congregations.

At Piqua we have two Churches, well fixed in their church accommodations and each supplied with parsonages. F. G. Mitchell, an ex-presiding elder of six years' standing, has taken hold of the work at Greene Street with all the ardor and enthusiasm of a pastor in his first charge. All the interests of the Church have been carefully looked after. He has made nine hundred and seventy-five calls, and has received into the Church eighty. The writer can pay no higher tribute to the work of his successor than to say he has exceeded his predecessor in the missionary collection, notwithstanding the monetary stringency, and old Greene-Street Church will wheel into her accustomed place in the million-and-a-quarter line, and continue to march in the front rank of missionary contributors with a collection of \$815.

T. S. Cowden has given a year of faithful, patient toil at Grace Church. There has been carried on, under the supervision of Grace Church Quarterly Conference, and chiefly manned by Grace Church workers, a Sabbath-school, at what is known as Favorite Place. There is an enrollment of fifty-five officers, teachers, and scholars, with an average attendance of forty. They have contributed five dollars for missions, besides raising forty-four dollars for the year for their own expenses. A lot has been given them for a building site. They began to build Wednesday, August 17th; had the frame up Saturday, August 26th; and expect to be able to hold services Sabbath, September 3d. Dimensions, 26 x 50 feet; value, without seats, \$600.

At Troy, where we are now being so hospitably entertained, the past three years of V. F. Brown's pastorate have been the most prosperous of their history. A great revival and large ingathering has occurred, an elegant parsonage has been built, the salary has been advanced, the benevolent contributions have been large, the Church being the banner Church of Methodism in its Children's-day contribution; its current expenses well and promptly met; congregations large; average attendance of the weekly prayer-meeting, one hundred and thirty-five; love-feasts filling the lecture-room; the largest week-day congregations that greet the elder at quarterly meetings are found here. The work here is at high-tide. No happier lot can befall any itinerant than to have a term at Mulberry Street, Troy.

Lastly, in our review of the charges, we come to the work in Dayton—Dayton, the Gem City, and the largest by far of all the fields of the district. We have here five Churches, which will soon be increased to the sacred number of seven, where, in all probability, it will remain, having a sufficient supply, till the end comes. In Dayton we have felt the full force of the time-limit. Three of the pastors of our strongest Churches go out by the expiration of five years of service. The consensus of opinion in all these Churches would be that these brethren might all continue, with acceptability and profit to the Church, were it not for the time-limit. Wm. Macafee winds up his five years at Grace Church with a strong and united membership. D. W. Clark leaves, as a monument of his term of service, a building-fund of ten thousand dollars invested in an eligible site upon which to erect a new church. The accessions for this year are one hundred. St. Paul's Church, where J. G. Vaughan concludes five years of service, is young, having had but three pastors, and being only ten years old. One-half that time has been under Brother Vaughan, and, in that period of time, it has nearly doubled in everything. He has received 668 persons into the Church in five years, being an average of 133 per year. After deducting removals, he leaves a membership of 720,

as against 417 when he came. The contribution for missions in 1887—the year preceding his coming—was \$200; the collection for this year, \$500. The prosperity of this Church has been phenomenal.

Broadway and Trinity, under the pastoral care of C. H. Haines and J. Verity, have materially reduced the debt which has been upon them, and close the year in an improved condition. Brother Verity has paid \$2,023 on the Church debt, and \$613 on parsonage.

Dayton Methodism has been growing, enlarging her borders. The Methodist Alliance, consisting of the official members of the various Churches, was revived, and the work of establishing two new Sabbath-schools was entered upon. The first to organize was at Riverdale, composed largely of Grace and Raper members. A school of an average attendance of eighty-five has been carried on during the summer; a weekly prayer-meeting and preaching service every Sabbath night. Arrangements are already being made for procuring a site and erecting a building. No more promising field is before us than Riverdale, and the time is not far distant when we will have a strong and commanding Church in Riverdale.

The other new enterprise of Dayton Methodism is in the southern suburb of the city, known as Browntown. Some time elapsed here before a room could be obtained for the Sabbath-school. Finally, permission was given to meet in a new hose-house of the fire department. Here the weekly prayer-meeting and Sabbath-school gathered for work and worship. The room soon proved too small, and continued possession was uncertain. The Committee having the work in charge saw that something must be done to provide for its future. No suitable place could be found to rent or lease, and the Committee, with the sanction of the Alliance, purchased two eligible lots on the corner of Homestead and Campbell Streets. About this time, Rev. Frank L. Doty, an evangelist, came to the work, a tent was pitched upon the lots, and a nightly meeting of great power and interest was inaugurated, resulting in the conversion of souls; some nine united with the Church on probation, the Sabbath-school ran up in attendance to one hundred and fifty-three, more than thirty pledged themselves as members, and fifty promised to give themselves to the work. The Committee now had to take another step, and provide a building for this Israel which was dwelling in a tent. A temporary structure, twenty-four by forty-six feet, was decided upon, which has been erected on the rear of the lots, and before this Conference adjourns the congregation and Sabbath-school will be worshipping therein. A Board of Trustees have been elected for this property by the Quarterly Conference of St. Paul's Church, consisting of nine persons, from Grace, Raper, St. Paul, and Broadway, and we come to this Conference asking the Bishop to appoint a pastor over this new charge, which, united with Carrollton, will be able to furnish an adequate support. We hope to see, before many years, a strong station of this new enterprise in this rapidly growing part of the city of Dayton.

We have been reminded during the year that we sit in the valley and the shadow of death. The dread messenger has visited three of our families. Our dear Brother Williams, whose death was expected at our last session, was the first to fall, having departed this life October 15, 1892. He died, in great peace and full of years, at his home in Miami City, Dayton. He was for thirty-nine years a member of this Conference, and for twenty-nine years was in the effective ranks. The last ten years were passed in the superannuated relation. His funeral was largely attended by his brethren of the ministry, who held him in loving remembrance.

The next to answer the call to the other shore was Sister Verity, wife of our brother, Jonathan Verity. She met the summons with great composure of spirit, and, with great serenity of soul, she laid down work, and friends, and life. A large concourse gathered at the church to pay their sorrowful tribute of respect to her memory. May the grace that sustained her abound, in its comfort and power, in her husband and only daughter!

Mrs. Mary Ludlum, loved daughter of Brother Dustin, and well known,

through her pen and personally, to the members of this Conference, passed away at her home in Marion, Indiana. She was a gifted, conscientious Christian woman, whose life was fruitful in good works, and whose writings will live to bear fruit in the years to come.

While we have had a good year, still there are some drawbacks which seriously interfere with our prosperity—the failure of many of the leading and influential members to attend the means of grace, the class and prayer-meetings of the Church. The Quarterly Conference members ought to be seen and heard in the quarterly love-feasts. No surer way to build up the Church in all her interests could be found than a regular attendance upon the part of the people in these social meetings.

Again, a very serious difficulty among us is the illiberal spirit of many of our people towards the Church and its connectional benevolences. We need some Titus, who shall finish this grace of benevolence in the hearts of many. Many are being injuriously affected in their zeal, their religious enjoyment, and love for the Church, by a growing avariciousness of spirit, which is as effectually destroying their spiritual life as positive immorality would. As a rule, in much of our circuit territory the benevolent collections can not rest on a public presentation. As a rule, the preachers go about and gather by personal appeal the amount which they bring to Conference. In almost every charge we have more or less of those who have ability to pay, and yet contribute nothing to the support of the Church. Some little pique or prejudice is sufficient to cause them to withhold, greatly to the embarrassment of the stewards. Is there any way to reach such cases? Can charges be preferred against a member for refusing to support the Church? Who has ever known a case of discipline under this head? Yet it is a crying evil, and leaves the Church to seem weak and helpless alongside of other bodies who have penalties to inflict upon those who fail to pay their dues. There is nothing so directly connected with the soul's prosperity and the life and vigor of the Church as a spirit of benevolence. We should be able to do something which shall fulfill the injunction of the apostle, when he says, "See that ye abound in this place also." We need to bring all the tithes into the storehouse, and receive the promised blessing from the windows of heaven which God has said he would give. We need a deeper experience of the things of God, to give our people a greater appreciation of all the privileges and blessings of the gospel kingdom and a greater love for his cause.

We are praying for the baptism of the Holy Ghost to fall on the twenty-six appointments and sixty preaching-places of the Dayton District, to the end that they may be thoroughly furnished for every good word and work.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

GEORGE H. DART, Presiding Elder.

THE separate life of the Hamilton District compasses but seven years. The demand for a metropolitan district created it. In it were congregated the outlying points of three districts, of which Hamilton was the natural center—the hub of the wheel. It was experimental and problematical, but results have justified it. Hitherto the controlling hand of the city Churches had largely shaped district movements. The city was dominant, the country non-assertive yet restive. A distinctively unmetropolitan district wrought advantage to the country by inspiring courage, self-reliance, aggressiveness. It put the charges hitherto measurably dependent and tributary on their mettle, awakened larger enthusiasm, and spurred to greater action. They purposed success; they have achieved it. Better record has no district of this Conference, past or present, than this, the youngest in years and least in membership. It is not a series of disjointed Churches, but

a unitized, organized, fraternized community of Church-life, thoroughly loyal to Methodist doctrine, economy, and experience—a Methodist republic, compact and consolidated, proud of its independence, and zealous for its maintenance. A vote of the district would be as seven to one against the old order. Especially is this sentiment strong in our rural charges. Whatever its future may be, the past of the Hamilton District is secure. It may go down, but it will go with a record untarnished. Large futures are open to it. Its productive soil, vast industrial and commercial interests, and multiplying and growing communities forecast great possibilities, which challenge our faith and courage. Soon our Southern area will be one continuous city, of many names and varied populations, offering an almost unequaled missionary field.

Our material advances within the last six years have not been all that we could have desired, or our abilities justified, but they afford no mean memorial of our enterprise, liberality, and financial strength. We have built nine churches, and now have another in course of erection. We have so thoroughly reconstructed two others, that they are practically new structures. We have readjusted and improved almost all of our church properties, some of them at a large outlay, mounting in some cases into thousands, so that our churches are in superior condition. We have acquired two new parsonages, and are now building another, besides improving most of our parsonage property. We have liquidated debts of former administrations, and almost entirely canceled our own more recent obligations, or provided for those unpaid by graded subscriptions not yet mature. We have thus in new properties, church and parsonage, improving others, and paying debts, raised a sum approximating \$140,000. Amid this heavy home strain our benevolences have advanced about thirty-nine per cent, and our salaries about fifteen per cent.

Our material transcend our spiritual environments. We are in the corn, barley, and tobacco belt. Our city suburbs and manufacturing centers congregate the most unspiritual elements—great masses of infidelity and paganism. Beer-gardens, gambling-halls, race-courses, base-ball grounds, and their ilk are well-rooted, and grow thrifty within our borders. Waves of brutalism from the great city roll in upon us; and, alas! the shore too often yields to the advancing sea. Certain I am that unspiritual tendencies are strong about us, and the Church, I fear me, is not altogether aflame with pentecost. Yet we are far from utter spiritual decay. Our splendidly equipped and thoroughly organized Sabbath-schools, our enthusiastic and vigorous Epworth Leagues, Senior and Junior, our large and devout prayer services, our intelligent and attentive congregations, our generous responses to benevolent demands, attest the contrary.

In Hamilton we are now erecting a superb church and parsonage property. It is of red sandstone, stands on the old site, and, above the old materials in church and parsonage, will cost from \$30,000 to \$33,000. On this there are good subscriptions, amounting to \$25,000. It is one story, with seating capacity of over 1,200, including the audience and Sabbath-school rooms. The pulpit is so adjusted that, united, the preacher is in the center of his congregation, or, separated, he faces rising tiers in quarter circles. Finished, it will be one of the best churches of the Conference, an honor to Methodism, and an ornament to the town. In this great enterprise the pastor has shown the hand of a master.

Under the inspiration of their pastor, the Hartwell people have built a handsome and commodious addition to their church, thus more than doubling its capacity and convenience. It cost \$5,000, and was provided for before the contracts were let.

The Camden Church has suffered greatly from a heavy debt since its erection. This year the pastor has raised and paid the last farthing, amounting to \$1,000, and then, with a great conflagration, in the midst of his rejoicing people, consumed the evidences of indebtedness. Besides this, good improvements have been made, and moneys are now on hand for other betterments—a condition most remarkable in view of the Camden Bank failure, which spread wide disaster.

The Glendale Church, too, inherited from its dedication a burdensome debt of over \$1,100. This has been gradually diminished from year to year, until it had been reduced to \$450, and was finally and fully met, and the mortgage committed to the flames.

The Franklin people have beautified their sanctuary with cathedral-glass windows and other improvements, at a cash outlay of over \$1,000.

The Bethel Church, on the Montgomery charge, has arranged for a good improvement, and tokens are not wanting of a parsonage for this work in the near future. Toward it we now have a fund of nearly \$200, and a scheme is in process for its final accomplishment.

At Mason our growing congregations demand increased facilities. To this end a fund, now amounting to some hundreds of dollars, and constantly increasing, is being accumulated for church enlargement.

The debt on our Middletown parsonage has been fully paid, and that on the church diminished by some thousands. At other points betterments have been made on church and parsonage property.

We have twenty-two chapters of the Epworth League, and eight Junior Leagues in good working order. They are centers of spiritual power, and form a strong resistance to the worldly trend of the young people of our communities. Our Annual District Convention was a splendid success. Some revivals we have had, but not so many as we desired. The most marked were at Hartwell and on the Lebanon Circuit.

The financial stress and crop failure united have pressed us sorely, even at strong points. Our most liberal men and charges have been forced to retrenchment. Salaries and collections have felt the strain. Our pastors have been true and faithful altogether, and are commended of the Churches and vindicated by their works. No shadow has fallen upon them. No disease has prostrated them. Within two homes has death entered. From the parsonages of Franklin and Hartwell a son and daughter passed into the home eternal. God bless the preachers of the Hamilton District! I love them all. That I should have headed the lines with such men will ever be grateful to me. God bless the homes of the Hamilton District! They have all and ever been open to me with a hospitality as full as it has been free.

Out of these years of district work I come with no bitter memories, no rankling animosities, no vaulting ambitions, but with a larger appreciation of Methodist doctrine, polity, and life; a truer appreciation of the zeal, fidelity, and piety of Methodist preachers, and a higher estimate of the loyalty and liberality of our laity.

I have found our bishops kind, thoughtful, painstaking, open to every call, and ready, so far as in them lay, to adjust the work to every need. Their patience, conscious responsibility, and sympathy have deeply impressed me. For my brethren of the cabinet I have only love, approval, and confidence. God has been gracious to me. With great providences has he built about me, and with great grace has he nourished me. I have filled every appointment of this year, and of all the preceding years. I have had no week of rest, nor have I needed any. My work to me has been better than rest. In it I have found content. I have preached twice or thrice every Sabbath, and these, with other services, including love-feasts, communions, and Quarterly Conferences, have averaged about ten services per week. I am conscious of many failures. My weakness and inefficiency crowd upon and humble me. My only boast is, that I am a servant of Jesus Christ, whose blood heals my every hurt. To him be glory, now and forever!

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

WILLIAM RUNYAN, Presiding Elder.

THE year now closing has been much as other years — marked with joy, sorrow, seed-sowing, harvest, and battles. Sometimes we had victories, sometimes repulses, but never routed. We have not lacked for opportunities, neither has the year been barren of good results; for, we think, substantial progress has been made in developing and enlarging the material and spiritual interests of the Church. Standing with the retrospect in view, we see but little that needs apology, and nothing requiring defense.

During the year two Ministerial Associations were held. They were very profitable to ministers and people.

Much attention has been given to the Epworth League movement; and, while a majority of the charges are rural, yet there are over twenty chapters organized, and a number of Junior Leagues. Our District Convention, held during the summer, was a marked success. The outlook for this work is cheering.

I have given much consideration to the matter of ministerial support, having done all I could to prevent deficits, only five or six charges having failed to pay in full. The number would have been smaller still, but for the great financial difficulties that came to parts of the district.

With reference to the circulation of our literature, nearly all of our periodicals find their way into our territory; but, of course, the *Western Christian Advocate* is our favorite. We have been reported by the publishers as the banner district for the circulation of this paper within the bounds of its patronizing territory, and I have no reason to suppose that it has changed position in this advancing column.

On Belfast Circuit two new and comfortable churches are now in process of erection, and will soon be completed. The one at Flat Run has its origin in a bequest of \$1,000 from the estate of the late Hon. John T. Wilson, while the one at Belfast is due to the faith and energy of the pastor, C. Hartley, and the liberality of the people. In dimensions they will amply meet the needs of the congregations that will worship in them, while in architecture, finish, and furniture they will surpass any thing previously erected in these communities.

The new church at Sabina, when finished, will cost not less than \$10,000. It is centrally located, will be the pride of the Church, and by far the greatest architectural ornament of the town. The pastor, L. M. Davis, has shown himself wise and skillful in pushing the enterprise forward; and, backed by a Building Committee of active, enterprising business men, there is no danger of failure.

Valuable church improvements have been projected and completed in charges as follows: Bowersville, Clarksville, Loveland, Morrow, New Burlington, Rainsboro, Butlerville, and Leesburg. The pastors of the several charges named have been actively identified with these improvements, and without their inspiring spirit of enterprise the work would not have been undertaken.

I suppose some special mention should be made of our church in Wilmington, which, during the winter and early spring, was beautifully frescoed and otherwise greatly improved. After many delays the building was reopened, and the delighted congregation had enjoyed their beautiful church for a few Sabbaths, when, on the 5th of May, a disastrous cyclone struck the town, the beautiful spire of our church was broken off at the roof, and hurled into the yard below, a considerable portion of the tin-roof was torn off, the south gable crowded in under the roof, and the ceiling and walls of the main audience-room so saturated with water that the new fresco was spoiled. The people had labored hard and practiced much self-denial to make these improvements, and when they saw the con-

dition of their church, there was among them great sorrow, and some cried out: "How can we ever repair the damage?" But soon the news was carried in every direction that the church had been insured against cyclones, as well as fire, and that the cyclone policy was ample to cover all their loss. "Then was their sorrow turned into joy."

Pardon a personal mention at this point. It so happened that on this eventful day I was passing through the town in my buggy, and was caught in the midst of the tempest. I turned to drive to a place of shelter, but in a moment my way was blocked by falling *débris*. I then changed my course, and started directly across the path of the storm. I had scarcely turned until I was in its awful embrace. The first impression was, horse, buggy, and driver are being lifted into the air, then let-down; next the buggy was thrown onto the right side, then righted; again, hurled onto the side, and righted once more. I was tossed about, but not thrown out; then I saw the roof of a house to my left and that of the Presbyterian parsonage to my right torn from their places, and coming down upon me. I expected to be killed. There was just one prayer that leaped upward like the lightning's flash, "Lord, save me!" and in that moment of greatest peril, my noble horse, exerting all his great strength, made a mighty rush for life. In a moment he had carried me out from under the falling timbers, and when he had reached a place of safety stopped, and I was saved. It was the Lord. No hand but his could have delivered me. He did not keep me out of the storm, but saved me in it.

Our people at Blanchester have completed a new and beautiful parsonage, which, by its modern and convenient arrangement, promises much comfort to the present and future occupants. It is only just to record that the pastor, J. H. McNary, has, by his energy and tact, contributed much to the success of this enterprise.

The new parsonage enterprise begun last year in Newtown has been completed. It is beautiful without and within, and the pastor and family are now living in one of the brightest parsonage homes we have.

At New Vienna, through the careful and wise management of the pastor, R. K. Deem, backed by an enterprising Committee, a parsonage has been purchased. It has been painted and otherwise improved. It stands on a large lot, where there is an abundance of fruit, is splendidly located, and is probably the best parsonage property in the district at the present time.

We number twenty-six charges, and now have twenty-two parsonages, and, with one or two exceptions, they are all very comfortable homes. During my term on the district eight new churches have been erected, and many valuable improvements made to old churches, greatly enhancing their attractiveness and comfort. We can not report a phenomenal growth, but a healthy advance in temporal things.

The year has witnessed a larger measure than usual of revival spirit in the Churches. In at least eighteen charges there have been outpourings of the Holy Spirit. In view of the number of societies composing our circuits, this means many more than eighteen revivals. Much enlargement has come to the spiritual life of the Church, and many believers have entered definitely into the experience of perfect love, and the pastors report to me nine hundred conversions and seven hundred and twenty-five accessions to the Church on probation.

We report three camp-meetings. The one at Belfast was under the direction of Rev. C. Hartley. I learn that it was well attended and marked with much revival spirit, both in the Church and among the unconverted.

The Shiloh camp-meeting was conducted by Rev. C. L. Winget. The attendance was large, interest marked, and, I trust, lasting good accomplished. The meeting at Epworth Heights was distinguished by the absence of all sensationalism. No costly professional evangelist was employed. There were no special days out of line with the spirit of true evangelism, and no catchpenny arrangements designed merely to draw the crowd and get their money. But we did have the old gospel preached

by men of God whom the people know and love. Again it was shown that that this gospel attracts and holds the people. There was a sweep of spiritual power from the first service to the end which carried many sinners into the kingdom, and many believers into the higher, broader, and sweeter experiences of salvation; and when the sweet song, "We'll never say good-bye in heaven," was ended, and the last benediction pronounced by Bishop Walden, and the people turned their steps homeward, many were heard to say: "Thank God, our eyes have seen one more old-fashioned Methodist camp-meeting!" It fell to my lot to superintend this meeting. Rev. D. Lee Aultman was our assistant, taking the music as his special department, and conducted it with signal success. Rev. C. W. Rishell, Ph. D., had charge of the Young People's Meetings, and, under his efficient leadership, they were of unusual interest and profit. Rev. H. D. Ketcham conducted the services of Epworth League Day in line with the spirit of the meeting. Mrs. Dr. T. H. Pearne, of Xenia, had charge of the Woman's Meetings, and directed them to the rejoicing of many hearts; while the Children's Meetings, as conducted by Miss Marg. Good, of Cincinnati, were as fragrant and sweet as a flower-garden. Epworth Heights is now approaching the ideal fondly cherished for it by its founders. The preachers of this Conference, under the new order, are rallying again to its support, and, with their prayers, presence, and hearty co-operation, a future opens before it that gives great promise of usefulness, not only to Methodism, but to other sister Churches in Southern Ohio.

The various benevolent causes have been carefully and diligently presented by the pastors; but I regret to report that in this department we have suffered some reverses, which are the result of the disastrous failure of the Citizens' National Bank of Hillsboro, the prolonged drouth, and the prevalent hard times. But for these unfortunate circumstances we would have advanced on last year all along the line. The pastors of this district are a noble band of brothers,—godly men, sound in doctrine, and loyal to Methodist polity; true "yokefellows in the gospel," and well deserving the confidence and highest regard of any presiding elder. "My heart hath trusted in them safely."

Hillsboro District is a very interesting part of the territory of the Cincinnati Conference. It is our largest district. Its plains, valleys, hills, and mountains give a charming variety to its scenery, while its network of good turnpike-roads render the trips of the presiding elder with buggy and horse very enjoyable during the spring, summer, and autumn. I scarcely need to mention that there is not much charm in the winter drives.

In many of the charges there still lingers an excellent type of old-fashioned Methodism. If the day ever comes when this inheritance, coming down to us from the fathers, shall depart from our Conference, I think it will linger longest in Hillsboro District, and the place in this district where it will take its final departure will be Louisville, of Belfast Circuit. Here you can have the church packed at 9 A. M. Sabbath, to hear the gospel preached by the pastor; and when it is quarterly meeting, and the presiding elder is to be there, the house and yard will be full of people, and the woods near at hand packed with horses and vehicles. When the service begins, everybody sings, everybody prays, and all the people say amen. They are not excelled in their love for and loyalty to their pastor, and their promptness in paying him. It is a real good place to take a collection for any of our benevolences. When you get there you will think you have reached the end, and when you have ascended the hills and climbed over the rocks, you will wonder how the people live; but they do, and they are always singing, "I'm happy on the way." This is the place, I think, where the "spirit of the fathers" will take its final departure, if it ever goes away from us.

I have gone in and out among the people of this district for six long years. I have held in person 620 quarterly meetings, preached 1,350 ser-

mons, traveled in my buggy more than 13,000 miles, and by rail over 7,000 miles, making a total of more than 20,000 miles.

These years have been the hardest work of my life. I sometimes wonder how I have gotten through with it. In a recent Quarterly Conference, a layman, in speaking some kind words of good-bye, said, "I know something of the labors of our presiding elder for us, and I do not wonder that he has grown gray;" but the Lord has been with me, and I come up to this annual gathering six years older, but, so far as I can see, with unabated strength, a heart still young, and with my faith in and my love for Christ, his Church, and my brethren growing stronger as the years go by. I lay down the scepter of my office willingly. "Let not him boast that putteth on the harness as he that putteth it off."

RIPLEY DISTRICT.

J. W. MASON, Presiding Elder.

GOD has been very good to us. With but few exceptions, the preachers and their families have been blessed with health. All have been enabled to pursue their work. There has been but one death. Dr. S. B. Smith, a former elder of the district, and recently pastor of Georgetown, was called to part with his devoted wife. Eternity alone will reveal how largely the influence of the consecrated wife enters into the success of the Methodist itinerant. God notes the service, and the reward is sure.

BUILDING AND IMPROVING.—New churches have been built and dedicated on the following charges: Aberdeen Church, begun three years ago, has been completed and dedicated at a cost of \$2,500; Berea Church, Blue Creek Circuit, cost \$500; Bentonville, Manchester Circuit, costing \$2,500. The interior of Felicity Church has been tastefully refitted. New Richmond has undergone a complete transformation at a cost of about \$1,200. Williamsburg has expended \$650 in remodeling. The churches at Georgetown and at Freesoil, on Georgetown Circuit, have been refitted and beautified at a cost of \$1,500. Other charges have made improvements at less cost. Feesburg Circuit has removed the old parsonage, and replaced it with a comfortable house for their pastor, spending \$1,000 in the change. The \$1,200 debt on Batavia Church has been canceled.

Ministerial support in the district deserves special attention. The laborers, in many instances, are receiving small salaries. The average, including house-rent, for last year, was \$744. This necessarily involves close economy and self-denial. I am satisfied that when the matter of support is fully and clearly presented to the membership of the Churches, they will meet the obligation. Better results would be reached if each charge would adopt the method recommended by the Discipline, and the work would be done with less embarrassment to the stewards. Something has been accomplished in reaching this end, but the work is not complete.

There is a healthy spiritual growth and Christian activity throughout the district. Though the spirit of revival has not been so general, yet many of the Churches have had times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Seven hundred conversions have been reported, and most of them have been received into full membership. The evidence of the genuineness of these revivals is seen in the fact that the district is sending to the front young men of promise, who will be sought after in the future by Churches feeling the need of having the fires of the Holy Spirit rekindled upon their altars.

The benevolent collections have all been more or less faithfully presented, and notwithstanding the prevalent financial depression, and the drought, which has greatly damaged the crops, most of the district has responded with commendable liberality to the call of the Church. There is considerable advance in some of the Churches over last year. The aggregate is equal to the amount reported at last Conference.

The class-meeting is maintained with more or less interest in each charge in the district. While the attendance is usually small, this means of grace is helpful in the development of the intellectual strength and moral and spiritual force of the membership of the Church.

The Epworth League has had a very rapid growth in the district, there being about 24 chapters and 1,600 members. Many of the pastors, by wise management, have directed these forces in such a way as to make them promotive of increased intelligence among the young people, and an agency of spiritual power in the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom; but the hand, head, and heart of the pastor are needed to direct this tidal-wave of spiritual activity to success in the work of the Lord. The two District Epworth League Conventions held during the year were meetings of marked interest and profit.

The Sabbath-schools are in a prosperous condition, and usually under good management. As a rule, they continue throughout the year, and are accomplishing much in preparing the children of the Church for intelligent Christian life; but the work is not as thorough and practical as its importance and the opportunity require. While there should not, perhaps, be less of helps, there is an imperative demand for more of the Bible, Christ, and personal salvation for the children.

The District Stewards' meeting and the Ministerial Association took action on the question of change in the number of districts, and voted, without a dissenting voice, for the present number, and, if any change is made, to increase the number. The solution of the expense problem is the consolidation of small circuits and stations in charges with two preachers.

The demand for proper care of records seems not to be comprehended. I have asked the question four hundred and sixteen times, Are the records properly kept? and twelve (12) Committees on Records have responded. The time will come when the records of each Church will be taken to the Quarterly or Annual Conference, and submitted to a committee for examination.

In my association with the ministry and membership of the district, nothing but the spirit of fraternal and Christian fellowship has been manifested. I have enjoyed a most cordial welcome to the churches and to their homes, thereby increasing my love for this loyal Methodism, and placing upon me a debt of gratitude that God alone can repay.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

JOHN F. MARLAY, Presiding Elder.

THE work on Springfield District, in which I have just closed my first year, was made easier for me, I am sure, by the careful, conscientious, and intelligent labors of my predecessor, Rev. Frank G. Mitchell. Whether in the chair of the Quarterly Conference, or in the pulpit, he was universally recognized as "the right man in the right place." I acknowledge my indebtedness to him for valuable suggestions and important information concerning my work.

Entering upon these new and responsible duties with great misgivings as to my fitness for the work, I have found in it, nevertheless, unexpected sources of enjoyment. It has been a real pleasure to form a more intimate personal acquaintance with the twenty-two noble brother ministers and their devoted wives, with whom I have been associated. The warmth of their welcome at the beginning of the year, and their great and uniform kindness at all times, has bound me to them "as with hooks of steel," and I have looked forward to my quarterly visits to their charge with the greatest pleasure.

While the past year has not been marked with the general and sweeping revivals we had hoped to witness, it has not been without encouraging spiritual results. The great union revival meetings, held in

Springfield last winter, under the leadership of the Rev. Mr. Chapman, an evangelist from Philadelphia, resulted in a widespread and wonderful work of grace. Our own Churches shared quite largely in this revival, both in the quickening of believers and in the addition of new members. At Cedarville and on South Charleston Circuit we were favored with blessed revivals and large accessions to the Church. At almost every point in the district the Churches have enjoyed seasons of refreshing, in which multitudes, in the aggregate, were saved and added to the company of believers. About eight hundred have been received on probation during the year, and a much greater number have been converted.

The camp-meeting near Urbana was a time of remarkable religious interest from the opening sermon to the final benediction. We were most fortunate in having secured, as evangelist, Rev. M. Swadener, whose labors were eminently useful. His skill as a leader in evangelistic work, his ability as a preacher, and his gentle and winning manners, fit him peculiarly for such leadership. We were also so fortunate as to secure the help of Amanda Smith for several days, whose wonderful Bible-readings produced a profound impression. The sermons of our visiting brethren, Drs. Hamilton, Henderson, Morris, Van Anda, Wharton, Runyan, Spahr, and others, were in "demonstration of the Spirit and of power." The pastors of the district were abundant in labors, preaching to the delight and edification of the people.

The corner-stone of our new church at Mechanicsburg was laid in July, with appropriate religious services. This handsome church edifice, to cost about \$20,000, is being vigorously pushed to completion, and will be an honor to the enterprising membership of that Church. St. Paul Church, Springfield, has paid, during the year, about \$9,000 of its indebtedness, and has plans in operation to pay off the entire debt within two years. Trinity Church, Xenia, has paid a debt of \$1,500, besides expending over \$200 on church piano and improvements. New and handsome parsonages have been built at Jamestown, Cedarville, and New Jasper, all of them commodious and comfortable homes. At Catawba the old parsonage was sold, and an excellent, well-built house purchased, to take its place. Grace Church, Urbana, has paid off a debt of between \$800 and \$900, and South Charleston, by the payment of \$600, is now free from debt for the first time in many years. A large amount, in the aggregate, has been raised by other charges for the extinguishment of old debts, or for the betterment of church property. Almost without exception, our churches are in good repair, amply insured, and paid for.

The Epworth League Convention of the Fifth General Conference District, held in Springfield in June last, was a marked success in every respect. The attendance was very large, and the enthusiasm unbounded. The masterly address of Dr. Schell convinced all who heard him that no mistake was made when he was selected for the General Secretaryship. With a single exception, I believe, all the charges of the district have well-organized chapters of the Epworth League, many of them flourishing Junior Leagues also, with a large and growing membership. I have taken great pleasure in affording every possible help and encouragement to this great movement.

I have noted with pleasure, during the year, an evident increase in the reported subscription-lists of the *Western Christian Advocate*. This gratifying fact is owing, I judge, first of all, to growing satisfaction of our people with their home paper, and, secondly, to the liberal premiums offered by the publishers in the shape of good books. Great good has been accomplished, no doubt, by the circulation of these books, and I would earnestly recommend a continuance of the plan which has worked so well. Where our Church papers are largely circulated, we look, and not in vain, for intelligent Methodists, alive to all denominational interests, and ready to support all its great benevolent and connectional enterprises.

The extraordinary stagnation of business in the country, at this time,

has caused grave fears that our great benevolent boards would suffer a serious loss of income. Although the reports of the pastors do not show the great decrease in collections which many anticipated, yet it is evident that our receipts would have been greater had these causes been presented earlier in the year. It may, therefore, be opportune to urge pastors to avoid the mistake of crowding all these important collections into the closing weeks of the Conference year. If these collections are judiciously distributed through the year, and every cause fairly and earnestly presented on its merits, we may reasonably expect a generous response from our people.

One parsonage during the year has suffered a sore bereavement, and that single instance is a striking illustration of the truth that "Death loves a shining mark." Earl Fillmore, son of Rev. David C. and Jennie Fillmore Vance, died in the parsonage of Trinity Church, Xenia, on the 25th of June, 1893. He was converted when nine years old, had lived a pure and beautiful life, and was a young man of very great promise. He was a member of the class which graduated from the Xenia High-school a few days only before his peaceful, triumphant death. But he has gone to that school where he "no longer needs our poor protection, and Christ himself doth rule."

The Springfield District includes, territorially, one of the fairest portions of Ohio—rich and fertile fields, beautiful and prosperous towns and villages, an intelligent, moral, and enterprising population; we dwell in pleasant places, and feel that ours is, indeed, "a goodly heritage." Never, at any time, has the equipment of our Church been more complete for effective work than now. We have the men, the wealth, the organizations—and yet we are not doing our part in the great work of the world's conversion. And the reason is obvious—we lack spiritual power. We lack zeal, courage, consecration. And so we stand face to face with the palpable truth that almost the only need of the Church in these times is the pentecostal baptism of power. O, let us seek it as did the one hundred and twenty, on our knees, crying,

"With thee all night I mean to stay,
And wrestle till the break of day.
In vain thou strugglest to get free,
I never will unloose my hold.
Art Thou the Man that died for me?
The secret of thy love unfold!
Wrestling, I will not let thee go
Till I thy name and nature know."

V. STATISTICAL.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS' REPORT.

QUESTION 30—*What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?*

ANSWER, \$9,707 00

QUESTION 31—*What has been received on these Claims, and how has it been applied?*

RECEIPTS.

ANSWER—From Chartered Fund, \$25 00
 From Conference Trustees, 186 30
 From Mears Fund, 134 40
 From Book Concern, 1,790 00
 From charges, 6,467 00
 From Donation, Bishop Walden, 25 00
 From Dividend, Samuel Williams's Bequest, 15 00
 From balance last year and interest, 519 33
 From Mrs. J. H. Bayliss, 10 00
 Total, \$9,172 03

DISBURSEMENTS.

CLAIMANTS.	TO WHOM DELIVERED.	Estimate of Stew- ards . .	Amount paid . .	POST-OFFICE OF CLAIM- ANTS.
MINISTERS.				
Rev. R. A. Arthur, . . .	T. Collett (net), . . .	\$25 00	\$25 00	Addison, Va.
Rev. J. G. Black, . . .	Self,	300 00	282 00	New Carlisle, O.
Rev. J. W. Cassatt, . . .	A. N. Spahr,	350 00	329 00	Greenville, O.
Rev. T. S. Cowden, . . .	Self,	250 00	235 00	Troy, O.
Rev. G. M. Edgar, . . .	W. P. Jackson,	150 00	141 00	Winchester, O.
Rev. G. W. Fee,	T. Collett,	350 00	329 00	Mt. Orab, O.
Rev. W. I. Fee,	Self,	125 00	117 50	Piqua, O.
Rev. T. E. Fidler, . . .	Self,	200 00	188 00	Urbana, O.
Rev. B. Glascock, . . .	T. Collett,	50 00	47 00	Muncie, Ind.
Rev. J. L. Gregg,	Self,	200 00	188 00	Manhattan, Kan.
Rev. A. M. Griffith, . . .	Self,	50 00	47 00	Sabina, O.
Rev. Wm. Herr,	T. Collett,	400 00	376 00	Dayton, O.
Rev. J. F. Hull,	T. Collett,	250 00	235 00	Rolland, Ala.
Rev. F. W. Hypes, . . .	W. E. Stafford,	100 00	94 00	Owensville, O.
Rev. M. Kauffman, . . .	Self,	100 00	94 00	Springfield, O.
Rev. H. M. Keck,	C. W. Gullett,	250 00	235 00	Hamilton, O.
Rev. J. F. Loyd,	Self,	300 00	282 00	Cincinnati, O.
Rev. S. N. Marsh,	T. Collett,	200 00	188 00	Montecito, Cal.
Rev. W. T. McMullen, . .	W. E. Stafford,	50 00	47 00	Owensville, O.
Rev. Adam Miller, . . .	T. Collett,	200 00	188 00	1901 Ashland Ave., Chi- cago, Ill.
Rev. W. J. Quarry, . . .	Self,	200 00	188 00	Felicity, O.
Rev. E. C. Smith,	T. Collett,	275 00	258 50	Cleves, O.
Rev. H. Stokes,	T. Collett,	150 00	141 00	Delaware.
Rev. J. I. Taggart, . . .	H. W. Bailey,	50 00	47 00	Rainsboro, O.
Rev. T. Wones,	Self,	100 00	94 00	Springfield, O.
Rev. J. Vance,	Self,	50 00	47 00	New Moorefield, O.
Rev. J. H. Middleton, . .	Self,	200 00	188 00	Samantha, O.

CLAIMANTS.	TO WHOM DELIVERED.	Estimate of Stew- ards . .	Amount paid . .	POST-OFFICE OF CLAIM- ANTS.
WIDOWS.				
Mrs. M. G. Baker,	T. H. Pearne,	\$150 00	\$141 00	Xenia, O.
Mrs. J. P. Bishop,	C. W. Barnes,	150 00	141 00	Springfield, O.
Mrs. S. A. Brewster, . . .	J. F. Marlay,	300 00	282 00	Springfield, O.
Mrs. D. Callahan,	J. W. Mason,	150 00	141 00	Hillsboro, O.
Mrs. S. F. Conrey,	T. Collett,	200 00	188 00	Syracuse, N. Y.
Mrs. G. C. Crum,	C. T. Crum,	200 00	188 00	Xenia, O.
Mrs. H. M. Curry,	T. Collett,	200 00	188 00	Hartwell, O.
Mrs. J. W. Fowble,	J. F. Marlay,	150 00	141 00	New Moorefield.
Mrs. W. H. Fyffe,	J. P. Shultz,	250 00	235 00	Batavia, O.
Mrs. Jesse Hall,	T. Collett,	100 00	94 00	Newport, Ky.
Mrs. J. J. Hill,	J. P. Porter,	250 00	235 00	Lebanon, O.
Mrs. W. E. Hines,	W. H. Sutherland, . . .	200 00	188 00	Williamsburg, O.
Mrs. J. N. Irvin,	D. W. Clark,	250 00	235 00	Columbus, O.
Mrs. C. Kalbfus,	C. H. Kalbfus,	100 00	94 00	Frostburg, Md.
Mrs. G. H. Kennedy,	T. Collett,	300 00	282 00	Tippicanoe, O.
Mrs. Eli Kirk,	V. F. Brown,	100 00	94 00	Troy, O.
Mrs. C. R. Lovell,	C. W. Gullett,	250 00	235 00	Hartwell, O.
Mrs. N. McDonald,	C. W. Barnes,	150 00	141 00	Springfield, O.
Mrs. Levi P. Miller,	D. L. Aultman,	150 00	141 00	Madisonville, O.
Mrs. Wm. Morrow,	T. Collett,	150 00	141 00	Washington, D. C.
Mrs. A. Musgrove,	Self,	150 00	141 00	Christiansburg, O.
Mrs. Joseph Newson,	J. G. Black,	250 00	235 00	New Carlisle, O.
Mrs. J. M. Robinson,	T. Collett (net),	25 00	25 00	382 College Ave., Indian- apolis, Ind.
Mrs. John Shinn,	Self,	150 00	141 00	Marysville, O.
Mrs. J. W. Stone,	T. Collett (net),	25 00	25 00	Waverly, Iowa.
Mrs. A. W. Tibbits,	T. Collett,	225 00	211 50	Jamestown, O.
Mrs. E. G. West,	Self,	200 00	188 00	Urbana, O.
Publication of Minutes (net),			5 00	
Stationary (net),			2 00	
Balance in hands of Treasurer,			42 53	
Total,			\$9172 03	

REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER.

THE following table, page 224, shows the amounts, by districts, paid me for the various benevolent causes. The reports from the charges in detail, given in the statistical tables, pp. 236-242, have been carefully compared with the Treasurer's receipts, as required by the Discipline, ¶ 82, ¶ 7, and are correct. The cash receipts, amounting to \$26,945.33, have been distributed as follows:

To Cranston & Curts,	\$20,868 85
To Conference Stewards,	5,798 00
To Ohio Wesleyan University,	251 00
To City Church Extension,	15 00
To Publishing Committee and banking expenses, fractional dollars,	12 48

Total, \$26,945 33

The vouchers for these sums are in my hands.

C. W. ELLIOTT, *Conference Treasurer.*

TROY, O., September 5, 1893.

We, the Committee appointed to audit Treasurer's Report, having examined that report, believe it in all respects to be correct.

WM. MACAFEE,
W. H. WEHRLEY,
W. A. DEATON.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER, 1893.

	Cincinnati District.			Dayton District.			Hamilton District.			Hillsboro District.			Ripley District.			Springfield District.			TOTAL.		Grand Total
	Cash...	Voucher	Total...	Cash...	Voucher	Total...	C s ...	Voucher	Total...	Cash...	Voucher	Total...	Cash...	Voucher	Total...	Cash...	Voucher	Total...	Cash...	Voucher	
For Missions.....	\$2,122	\$3,754	\$6,176	\$3,533	1,252	\$4,785	\$1,630	1,146	2,776	\$1,841	\$834	\$2,678	\$1,064	\$587	\$1,651	\$3,836	1,108	\$4,944	\$14,329	\$8,681	\$23,010
For Church Extension.....	420	457	877	249	277	526	191	169	360	213	61	274	142	51	193	376	115	491	1,591	1,130	2,721
For Sunday-school Union.....	83	111	194	56	22	78	43	29	72	48	7	55	33	17	50	4	29	77	311	215	526
For Tract Cause.....	73	85	158	45	21	66	35	19	54	47	11	58	31	21	52	45	20	65	276	177	453
For Freedmen's Aid and South. Ed. Soc...	675	2,652	3,327	202	308	510	194	354	548	200	83	283	107	80	187	382	208	590	1,760	3,685	5,445
For Education Children.....	57	91	148	132	303	435	88	42	130	81	106	187	50	79	129	103	90	193	511	711	1,222
Other Education.....	84	167	251	21	263	284	28	13	41	35	42	77	30	63	93	37	82	119	235	630	865
For American Bible Society.....	73	175	248	62	136	198	7	87	94	19	52	71	24	9	33	29	67	96	214	526	740
For W. F. M. Society.....	2	2,247	2,749	14	1,506	1,520	17	1,028	1,045	.....	423	423	15	228	243	12	937	949	60	6,869	6,929
For W. H. M. Society.....	2	6,124	6,126	46	1,305	1,351	3	467	470	6	70	76	2	111	113	9	1,407	1,416	68	9,484	9,552
For Episcopal Fund.....	323	147	470	285	83	368	232	40	272	183	20	203	137	44	181	293	27	320	1,453	361	1,814
For Conference Claimants.....	1,880	210	2,090	955	202	1,157	773	71	844	696	35	731	441	130	571	1,053	21	1,074	5,798	669	6,467
General Conference Expenses.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	2	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	4
For other collections.....	105	6,737	6,842	.....	630	630	5	491	496	.....	27	27	.....	32	32	15	1,005	1,020	125	8,922	9,047
For Deaconess Work.....	65	2,102	2,167	29	195	224	42	582	624	19	125	144	20	34	54	22	151	173	197	3,189	3,386
Totals by Districts.....	6,264	25,559	31,823	5,629	6,503	12,132	3,290	4,538	7,828	3,393	1,896	5,289	2,096	1,486	3,582	6,260	5,267	11,527	26,932	45,249	72,181

GENERAL STATISTICS, No. I.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

WM. J. BAKER, Mt. Orab, Ohio.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.		BAPT.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.								
	Probationers.	Full Members.	Local P-thers.	Deaths.	Children Bapt'd.	Adults Bapt'd.	Schools.	Others & T'hrs.	Scholars of all ages.	Churches.	Probable Val..	Parsonages.	Probable Val..	Paid for build & Impr'v. Chrs. & Parsonages	Pd. on old in- debtedness on Ch. Property	Present in- debtedness on Ch. Property.
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.																
Avondale.....	6	184	...	3	2	3	1	24	200	1	\$20,000	...	...	\$200	...	\$4,000
Cheviot.....	2	146	...	...	6	57	1	25	230	1	2,500	1	\$3,000	...	...	...
Cincinnati: Asbury.....	15	245	1	1	8	2	2	38	400	1	15,000	1	4,500	100	...	...
Camp Washington.....	32	128	...	...	11	...	1	20	225	1	6,000	...	...	...	...	...
Christie.....	15	301	2	7	14	14	1	22	220	1	25,000	1	8,000	310	...	...
Church Extension.....	75	175	1	4	20	27	3	60	600	2	7,000	...	...	500	\$3,000	...
Columbia.....	5	156	1	...	6	5	1	22	225	1	4,500	...	...	3,652	...	...
Cumminsville.....	15	260	...	6	24	8	1	31	225	1	20,000	...	...	1,400	...	\$8,000
Fairmount.....	6	180	...	1	2	2	1	28	190	1	6,000	1	4,000	50	...	...
Finley.....	26	159	1	1	26	4	1	26	275	1	13,000	...	...	1,200	...	...
McKendree.....	36	294	1	4	18	15	1	27	210	1	16,000	...	...	160	...	90
Mount Auburn.....	17	127	2	3	1	1	1	12	100	1	30,000	...	...	13,048	...	4,000
Mount Lookout.....	4	186	1	...	7	1	1	21	173	1	5,000	1	2,500	160	...	...
North Fairmount.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pearl Street.....	6	144	...	5	10	8	1	12	120	1	11,000	1	4,000	100	...	...
Pendleton.....	...	166	2	1	4	...	...	1	23	167	1	12,000	...	...	...	...
Price Hill.....	11	72	...	...	...	...	1	20	94	1	14,000	...	...	40	...	...
St. John.....	11	90	...	1	18	...	1	14	100	1	15,000	...	...	...	...	...
St. Paul.....	21	555	1	7	7	5	1	24	365	1	115,000	1	20,000	...	...	...
Trinity.....	78	335	2	6	2	1	1	29	250	1	75,000	...	...	450	...	...
Walnut Hills.....	14	550	3	5	8	8	1	34	258	1	60,000	1	15,000	460	817	...
Wesley.....	29	378	1	4	12	10	1	24	237	1	80,000	1	10,000	...	...	...
York Street.....	9	289	3	3	6	5	1	28	285	1	16,000	...	...	100	...	...
Cleves and Addyston.....	12	156	...	3	16	4	2	20	225	2	8,150	...	...	55	1,100	...
Clifton.....	4	46	...	1	1	...	1	9	30	1	40,000	...	...	34,000	...	6,000
Delhi.....	5	130	...	...	...	1	1	19	150	1	4,000	...	...	100	...	...
Groesbeck.....	...	140	1	2	...	2	...	16	75	2	4,500	...	...	...	...	...
Ivanhoe.....	4	92	...	2	...	...	1	23	140	1	4,000	...	...	...	...	...
Madisonville.....	6	419	...	1	8	3	1	25	219	1	22,000	1	4,000	408	2,666	...
Miami.....	5	140	...	3	...	6	3	27	150	3	2,500	...	...	75	...	...
Mt. Washington & Red Bank.....	1	137	1	...	3	...	2	23	174	2	9,200	...	...	...	...	...
Norwood.....	3	130	...	1	2	6	1	16	125	1	5,000	...	...	250	600	...
Riverside.....	29	130	...	...	10	18	5	43	355	4	10,500	...	...	185	...	800
Winton Place.....	18	152	1	3	1	1	1	22	160	1	15,000	1	11,000	490	1,120	2,880
Totals.....	520	6,792	25	79	255	217	45	807	7,012	41	\$702,350	11	\$86,000	\$56,930	\$6,100	\$29,536
DAYTON DISTRICT.																
Arcanum.....	3	191	2	3	2	2	2	35	275	2	5,500	1	2,000	...	100	320
Brant.....	5	165	...	1	...	7	4	73	260	4	3,800	1	1,200	...	200	...
Centerville.....	6	415	...	5	20	20	3	45	350	3	11,000	1	1,500	...	100	...
Christiansburg.....	...	200	2	...	...	18	4	49	280	4	7,500	1	600	...	120	...
Concord.....	42	221	1	...	1	6	4	40	275	4	5,800	1	400	...	125	...
Covington.....	2	140	1	...	...	...	2	28	120	2	4,500	1	2,000	...	45	225
Dayton: Broadway.....	23	654	1	6	8	15	1	49	537	1	15,000	1	3,000	...	1,000	1,980
Grace.....	38	642	...	8	10	19	1	30	290	1	90,000	1	10,000	...	415	...
Raper.....	12	715	2	7	15	5	1	47	560	1	32,000	1	3,000	...	...	...
St. Paul.....	15	705	1	8	25	30	1	66	700	1	30,000	...	...	...	...	...
Trinity.....	20	240	3	4	5	4	1	42	390	1	14,000	1	3,200	...	...	1,925
Fairfield.....	4	227	...	3	15	5	4	47	295	4	13,000	...	...	250	...	...
Germantown.....	9	238	...	2	3	17	2	40	285	2	8,000	...	...	40	...	...
Gordon.....	18	143	1	1	1	12	2	50	355	4	4,000	1	500	...	77	...
Greenville.....	32	269	1	11	1	8	1	26	240	1	8,000	1	3,000	...	15	...
Lewisburg.....	3	185	1	3	8	1	3	35	225	3	5,500	1	1,800	...	50	75
Miamisburg.....	13	240	1	4	1	6	1	32	219	1	8,000	2	4,000	...	1,200	...
New Paris and Ft. Jefferson.....	14	337	1	1	...	...	4	60	420	6	6,000	1	600	...	100	...
Piqua: Grace.....	16	334	...	5	7	5	2	46	289	1	6,000	1	2,000	...	68	...
Greene Street.....	34	610	3	12	2	2	1	37	300	1	23,000	1	6,000	...	...	1,000
Tippicanoe City and Milton.....	23	225	2	5	...	...	21	2	48	277	2	7,000	1	1,500	...	125
Troy.....	21	568	3	6	9	13	1	39	320	1	12,000	1	5,000	...	283	212
Troy Circuit.....	3	248	...	6	2	28	3	48	192	3	6,000	1	2,000	...	1,050	...
West Alexandria.....	6	157	...	5	8	20	1	25	136	1	3,000	...	...	...	...	...
West Elkon.....	5	125	4	4	3	2	4	34	155	5	3,500	...	...	...	...	50
Totals.....	367	8,194	30	111	146	266	55	1071	7,685	59	\$332,100	21	\$53,300	\$2,598	\$3,202	\$5,420
HAMILTON DISTRICT.																
Bethany.....	19	195	1	1	...	...	2	23	125	2	5,000	1	1,200	...	158	...
Bond Hill.....	2	59	...	...	1	...	1	20	120	1	5,000	...	...	...	104	845
Camden.....	5	300	...	6	2	1	3	38	300	3	9,000	1	1,500	...	221	861
Carthage and Elmwood.....	9	240	...	2	12	1	2	57	434	2	9,500	...	...	...	49	189
Eaton.....	8	363	1	8	7	16	1	26	275	1	30,000	1	3,000	...	239	...
Fair Haven.....	4	175	...	1	3	5	2	27	140	2	3,000	1	800	...	50	...
Franklin.....	5	338	...	3	14	10	1	18	130	1	20,000	1	3,000	...	800	250

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPT.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.								
	Probationers.	Full Members.	Local P't-hers.	Deaths	Children Bapt'd.	Adults Bapt'd.	Schools.	Off'rs & T'hrs.	Scholars of all ages.	Churches.	Probable Val.	Parsonages.	Probable Val.	Paid for build. & imp'v. Chrs. and Par.	Ch. Property.	Paid on old in- debtedness Ch. Property.	Parsonage In- debtedness Ch. Property.	
Glendale and Sharonville.....	5	102	1	3	2	7	2	21	50	2	\$6,500	...	...	\$165	\$187	...	...
Hamilton.....	11	533	...	...	5	2	1	47	470	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Harrison.....	...	210	2	1	5	...	1	17	100	1	15,000	1	\$2,000	...	...	...	\$300
Hartwell.....	...	235	1	3	13	5	1	24	175	1	14,000	1	4,250	5,000	200	1,800	...	
Lebanon.....	8	335	2	2	2	14	1	25	300	1	14,000	1	3,000	160	150	1,450	...	
Lebanon Circuit.....	36	132	1	4	2	25	3	28	100	4	2,400	...	...	40	...	600	...
Lockland-Wyoming.....	2	242	1	4	4	...	1	24	150	1	35,000	1	6,000	...	...	...	...
Mason.....	11	240	...	...	17	13	3	30	233	5	5,000	1	3,500	30	...	...	...
Middletown.....	57	637	1	3	16	5	1	42	400	2	50,000	1	3,500	250	3,000	9,800	...	
Monroe.....	16	175	...	3	10	4	2	26	150	2	9,500	1	2,000	200	...	...	...
Montgomery.....	2	100	2	1	...	1	3	27	132	3	7,700	...	...	85	...	...	...
Oxford.....	6	341	2	1	8	11	2	35	225	1	25,000	1	2,500	800	...	...	...
Pleasant Ridge.....	1	79	...	...	2	...	1	10	48	1	3,000	...	...	12	...	...	...
Port Union.....	2	87	...	4	2	...	3	34	165	3	7,000	1	3,000	...	...	...	...
Red Lion.....	3	132	...	1	1	1	1	10	60	1	5,000	1	1,500	...	...	...	...
Seven Mile.....	3	217	2	4	1	4	2	25	125	2	10,000	1	1,800	50	200	...	...
Springboro.....	1	125	1	2	...	...	1	12	95	1	2,000	1	1,000	35	...	...	...
Venice.....	6	190	...	4	...	1	4	30	200	4	10,000	1	1,000	125	125	...	...
Walker and Union.....	5	120	...	1	1	...	2	25	175	2	5,000	...	...	25	...	...	...
West Chester.....	1	152	...	1	...	...	2	33	175	2	3,500	1	1,100	12	...	...	...
Total.....	228	6,054	19	77	130	126	49	734	5,052	49	311,200	19	45,650	\$8,771	\$5,566	15,467	...	
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.																		
Belfast.....	20	600	1	2	10	40	6	60	400	6	7,500	1	1,000	2,600	...	...	...
Blanchester.....	14	270	1	1	...	...	3	35	300	3	7,500	1	1,500	250	32	1,490	...
Bowersville.....	...	256	1	6	...	12	3	31	197	4	3,800	1	800	75	...	23	...	
Butlerville.....	14	279	...	3	10	7	5	65	350	5	5,000	...	...	...	140	...	...
Clarksville.....	...	189	...	5	...	11	3	23	175	3	7,000	1	1,000	325	85	...	...
Goshen.....	15	435	...	3	...	...	3	43	325	3	5,500	1	1,000	...	...	...	...
Greenfield.....	56	740	1	8	15	25	1	40	500	1	12,000	1	2,500	50	...	...	...
Hillsboro.....	14	635	1	8	...	...	1	31	335	1	12,000	1	3,000	300	...	250	...
Hillsboro Circuit.....	5	390	2	4	3	16	6	60	450	6	10,000	...	...	50	...	...	...
Leesburg.....	35	351	2	5	11	47	3	52	400	3	9,000	1	1,800	70	45	...	...
Loveland.....	5	195	1	2	...	8	3	37	150	3	5,000	...	...	75	...	...	...
Lynchburg.....	3	300	1	3	...	6	3	36	256	4	7,000	1	1,800	60	...	...	...
Maineville.....	21	163	...	3	5	...	2	27	175	2	4,500	1	1,500	...	...	...	...
Martinsville.....	8	180	...	2	...	...	3	45	160	4	3,000	1	300	200	25	...	...
Morrow.....	18	206	1	3	4	21	1	24	151	1	3,500	1	1,500	...	...	...	...
New Burlington.....	25	397	2	8	1	69	4	49	261	4	6,000	1	1,800	338	...	...	...
Newtown.....	20	357	...	6	5	19	4	46	246	4	7,000	1	2,500	100	500	...	...
New Vienna and Lexington...	28	322	2	2	4	34	2	38	236	2	9,500	1	2,000	1,353	191	770	...	
Rainsboro.....	56	312	1	3	...	37	4	62	400	4	12,300	1	1,200	300	25	100	...	
Sabina.....	10	259	1	3	2	10	2	42	280	3	3,700	1	1,000	1,400	...	...	...
Sinking Spring.....	4	350	2	5	...	27	4	48	275	4	2,500	1	500	...	...	...	...
South Lebanon.....	13	124	...	2	4	...	1	12	123	1	3,500	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sugar Tree Ridge.....	58	320	2	7	...	15	6	58	300	6	3,800	1	200	350	...	25	...	
Union (Spring Valley).....	11	275	1	4	...	6	5	56	255	5	5,500	1	1,100	...	...	...	...
Waynesville.....	...	221	...	1	...	...	2	26	175	2	6,300	1	2,000	...	...	...	...
Wilmington.....	15	295	...	3	1	5	1	22	125	1	12,000	1	2,500	2,000	50	...	...
Total.....	468	8,421	23	102	79	418	51	1066	7,000	85	174,400	22	32,500	\$9,896	\$713	\$3,158	...	
RIPLEY DISTRICT.																		
Aberdeen.....	37	235	1	3	1	37	4	61	200	4	5,900	1	1,200	1,000	500	125	...	
Amelia.....	10	441	1	5	2	16	3	42	325	4	8,000	1	1,500	...	...	...	...
Batavia.....	8	240	...	5	5	11	1	25	185	1	10,000	1	1,500	...	328	230	...	
Bethel.....	8	336	1	4	...	17	5	62	303	4	5,000	1	400	1,088	...	...	...
Blue Creek.....	10	302	1	2	6	28	2	18	106	4	2,400	...	...	109	...	...	...
Centenary.....	5	265	2	4	...	16	5	56	278	5	7,500	...	...	75	...	...	...
Chilo.....	14	324	...	9	...	8	4	55	271	4	4,700	lot	125	49	...	...	...
Decatur.....	...	368	1	5	...	5	4	57	264	4	6,300	1	500	344	...	...	...
Feesburg.....	5	203	1	5	...	11	4	45	180	4	4,000	1	1,100	900	...	100	...	
Felicity.....	6	122	2	4	...	26	2	30	200	2	5,500	1	1,200	125	...	...	...
Georgetown.....	17	338	...	4	10	25	3	33	252	3	6,000	1	600	1,400	...	...	...
Jacksonville (Dunbarton).....	4	390	4	4	1	4	5	52	336	5	3,300	1	300	100	...	50	...	
Laurel.....	52	397	...	4	7	26	4	55	275	4	6,000	1	500	229	...	...	...
Manchester.....	37	475	...	7	4	25	3	30	300	3	10,000	1	1,000	2,400	25	...	...
Marathon.....	24	412	2	10	11	13	5	50	250	5	5,200	1	300	150	...	...	...
Milford.....	3	234	...	2	1	17	1	20	256	1	8,000	1	3,000	150	...	...	...
Moscow.....	38	285	2	5	22	45	4	55	285	4	10,500	...	...	130	132	1,581	...
Mount Orab.....	5	347	2	7	3	4	4	52	380	4	6,000	1	650	130	56	...	...
New Richmond.....	14	250	...	2	1	10	1	29	180	1	5,000	1	1,000	1,500	50	...	...
Owensville.....	20	475	1	7	...	7	4	56	435	4	8,200	1	1,800	150	50	100	...	
Ripley.....	1	311	1	1	...	5	1	22	200	1	20,000	1	2,000	45	100	...	...
Summerside.....	20	275	1	5	2	10	4	50	300	4	7,500	1	1,500	300	...	...	...
West Union.....	4	314	1	4	2	2	3	35	170	3	4,000	1	1,000	55	...	100	...	
Williamsburg.....	1	377	3	7	1	3	1	23	150	1	4,000	1	1,875	650	...	100	...	
Williamsburg Circuit.....	16	440	2	3	...	7	5	64	350	5	4,300	...	...	475	...	...	...
Winchester.....	10	290	...	6	9	15	4	60	260	4	4,000	1	1,000	125	50	75	...	
Total.....	369	8,446	29	124	88	393	86	1137	6,691	88	171,300	21	24,050	\$11,679	\$1,291	\$2,461	...	

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPT.		S. SCHOOLS.				CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	Probationers...	Full Members...	Local Preachers...	Deaths...	Children Bapt'd.	Adults Bapt'd.	Schools...	Officers & T' chrs.	Scholars of all ages...	Churches...	Probable Value..	Parsonages....	Probable Value..	Paid for Build. & Improv. Chur's and Parsonages	P'd on old indebtedness on Church property	Present indebtedness on Ch'ch property
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.																
Catawba	6	440	...	5	1	5	4	62	400	4	\$11,000	1	\$1,400	\$500	.....	\$300
Cedarville	18	442	...	...	18	50	2	30	210	2	3,500	1	1,800	1,450	.....	.....
Dialton	14	277	...	4	...	22	4	68	402	4	8,800	1	1,200	90	.....	.....
Jamestown	4	281	...	7	...	1	18	158	1	12,000	1	2,000	276	.....	\$94	.....
King's Creek	10	239	...	2	...	4	4	50	300	4	5,000	1	1,200	.....	.....	.....
Mechanicsburg	35	401	...	8	...	1	27	255	1	10,000	1	3,000	670	.....	.....	.....
Mutual	4	276	...	4	6	24	4	66	300	4	5,800	1	1,100	.....	.....	.....
New Carlisle	1	350	1	5	...	1	2	38	285	2	13,000	1	1,200	.....	513	400
New Jasper	5	293	...	4	...	5	3	40	200	3	7,500	1	1,700	1,200	.....	.....
New Moorefield	4	285	...	1	...	8	4	40	200	4	13,000	1	1,250	.....	.....	.....
South Charleston	26	320	...	6	2	3	2	25	160	2	12,000	1	3,000	600	.....	.....
South Charleston Circuit	78	302	...	4	48	20	5	75	260	5	6,000	...	.....	.....	.....	200
Springfield: Central Church	108	953	...	5	33	48	1	74	555	1	20,000	1	10,000	.....	540	2,000
Grace	20	195	...	4	5	5	1	18	190	1	3,500	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
High Street	37	350	1	2	6	1	1	28	212	1	30,000	1	15,000	.....	.....	1,500
Saint Paul	30	573	...	4	15	39	1	38	389	1	50,000	1	5,000	300	2,400	6,000
Tremont City	16	439	...	7	1	38	4	75	467	4	20,000	1	1,200	210	75	685
Urbana: First Church	33	516	...	5	1	1	1	27	200	1	20,000	1	4,000	.....	.....	.....
Grace Church	14	360	2	9	...	15	1	25	224	1	25,000	1	3,500	200	800	.....
Xenia, First Church	32	510	2	5	16	7	2	40	380	2	10,800	1	5,000	428	.....	.....
Trinity Church	12	256	...	4	8	3	1	27	165	1	20,000	1	3,500	180	1,500	.....
Yellow Springs	12	300	3	4	9	4	2	41	243	3	4,300	1	1,000	75	.....	.....
Total	519	8,358	9	99	169	303	51	932	6,155	52	311,200	20	67,050	\$6,179	\$11,922	\$11,085

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPT.		S. SCHOOLS.				CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	Probationers...	Full Members...	Local Preachers...	Deaths...	Children Bapt'd.	Adults Bapt'd.	Schools...	Officers & T' chrs.	Scholars of all ages...	Churches...	Probable Value..	Parsonages....	Probable Value..	Paid for Build. & Improv. Chur's and Parsonages	P'd on old indebtedness on Church property	Present indebtedness on Ch'ch property
Cincinnati	520	6792	25	79	255	217	45	807	7012	41	\$702,850	11	\$86,000	\$56,930	\$6100	\$29536
Dayton	367	8191	30	111	146	266	55	1071	7685	59	332100	21	53300	2598	3202	5420
Hamilton	228	6054	19	77	130	126	49	734	5052	49	311200	19	45650	8771	5566	15467
Hillsboro	468	8421	23	102	79	418	81	1066	7000	85	174400	22	32500	9896	713	3158
Ripley	309	8446	29	124	88	393	86	1137	6691	88	171300	21	24050	11679	1291	2461
Springfield	519	8352	9	99	169	303	51	932	6155	52	311200	20	67050	6179	11922	11085
Totals	2471	46265	135	592	867	1723	367	5747	39595	374	2003050	114	308550	96053	28794	67127
Totals 1892	2531	45440	138	617	774	1505	...	...	...	370	1956150	112	316900	60466	20166	59958
Increase .....	...	825	...	...	93	218	...	...	...	4	46900	2	...	35587	8628	7169
Decrease	60	...	3	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8350	...	...	...

STATISTICS NO. II, BY DISTRICTS.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY,

WM. J. BAKER, Mt. Orab, Ohio.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.												
	No. of Schools. . .	No. of Officers. . .	No. of Teachers. .	Total Officers and Teachers.	NO. OF SCHOLARS.			Average Attendance.	No. of Library Books.	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members of Probationers. .	No. of Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Conversions in Sunday-school this Year.	Current Expenses: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
					Primary Grade. . . .	All Others. .	Total Scholars. . .						
Cincinnati,	45	316	514	830	2,364	4,648	7,012	4,552	6,411	746	1,702	435	\$3,561
Dayton,	55	373	678	1,051	1,874	5,811	7,685	5,409	4,274	1,004	3,209	497	3,014
Hamilton,	49	298	435	733	1,272	3,780	5,052	3,460	3,971	623	1,568	160	2,518
Hillsboro,	80	438	632	1,070	1,725	5,275	7,000	4,614	1,078	1,044	3,453	575	2,080
Ripley,	86	496	638	1,134	2,254	4,437	6,691	3,972	2,616	959	2,909	462	2,040
Springfield,	51	372	560	932	1,436	4,609	6,155	4,316	5,280	871	2,869	521	2,330
Totals,	366	2,293	3,457	5,740	10,925	28,230	39,595	26,323	23,630	5,247	15,710	2,650	\$15,543
Totals for 1892,	364	.....	.....	5,496	8,827	29,869	38,796	.....	22,000	5,224	17,077	2,530	15,463
Increase,	2	.....	.....	244	2,098	.....	799	.....	1,630	23	.....	120	\$80
Decrease, . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,339	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,367	.....	.....

STATISTICS, No. III.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						Deficiencies.	SUPPORT OF PRES'G ELDERS.		SUP-PORT OF BISHOPS		Conference Claim-ants.	CURRENT EXPENSES.	
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.				Am't Ap-portioned.	Amount Paid. . . .	Am't Ap-portioned	Amount Paid. . . .		Church: Sex-ton, Light, Fuel, etc. .	S. S.: Lesson Leaves, etc.
		Salary. .	House Rent. .	Total. .	Salary. .	House Rent. .	Total. .								
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.															
Avondale,	J. W. Peters,	\$1800	\$360	\$2160	\$2000	\$360	\$2360	Ex. 200	\$170	\$170	\$49	\$49	\$223	\$700	\$170
Cheviot,	A. U. Beall,	800	200	1000	800	200	1000	.....	50	50	12	12	170	120	127
Cincinnati: Asbury,	C. W. Rishell,	1200	400	1600	1200	400	1600	.....	66	66	18	18	45	665	175
Camp Washington,	G. L. Tufts,	900	.....	900	900	.....	900	.....	24	24	6	2	12	150	105
Christie,	C. L. Conger,	1300	600	1900	1300	600	1900	.....	100	100	26	14	75	740	110
Church Extension Missions, .	M. Swadener, Supt.,	3700	.....	3700	3700	.....	3700	.....	30	30	...	...	.....	500	.....
Columbia,	S. G. Pollard,	900	.....	900	943	.....	943	Ex. 43	36	36	10	2	30	150	75
Cumminsville,	Creighton Wones, . .	1200	.....	1200	1200	.....	1200	... ..	40	40	11	5	25	190	80
Fairmount,	A. D. Maddox,	1000	240	1240	1000	240	1240	.....	50	50	15	8	13	300	100
Finley,	Gervaise Roughton, .	700	.....	700	700	.....	700	.....	20	20	6	6	20	400	60
McKendree,	Edward McHugh, . . .	1200	.....	1200	1200	.....	1200	.....	36	36	9	9	25	451	100
Mt. Auburn,	John J. McCabe, . . .	1200	360	1560	1200	360	1560	.....	100	100	25	25	105	75	23
Mt. Lookout,	J. H. Lease,	1050	250	1300	1050	250	1300	.....	60	60	13	13	50	450	70
North Fairmount,	(J. H. Locke,) . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	5	...	...	.....	.....	.....
Pearl Street,	D. J. Sarr,	600	200	800	600	200	800	.....	28	28	5	5	11	150	49
Pendleton,	John Wilson,	570	180	750	465	180	645	105	36	30	10	6	10	200	85
Price Hill,	C. S. Enyart,	800	.....	800	800	.....	800	.....	28	28	6	6	30	450	114
St. John,	Henry Hershey,	600	.....	600	500	.....	500	100	32	28	1	1	31	400	40
St. Paul,	G. K. Morris,	2500	1400	3900	2500	1400	3900	.....	325	325	70	55	253	4100	250
Trinity,	E. S. Lewis,	2000	612	2612	2000	612	2612	.....	220	220	48	...	100	1580	272
Walnut Hills,	S. McChesney,	2500	1000	3500	2500	1000	3500	.....	350	350	80	80	250	2595	160
Wesley,	J. W. Magruder, . . .	1000	500	1500	1075	500	1575	Ex. 75	120	120	29	29	121	1050	110
York Street,	A. B. Austin,	1000	.....	1000	1000	.....	1000	.....	75	75	21	21	50	475	125
Cleves and Addyston,	Wm. M. Patton,	600	100	700	550	100	650	50	32	17	8	...	4	215	85

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						SUPPORT OF PRES'G ELDERS.		SUP-PORT OF BISHOPS		Conference Claim-ants	CURRENT EXPENSES.			
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.	Am't Ap-portioned.	Amount Paid. . .	Am't Ap-portioned.		Amount Paid. . .	Church: Sex-ton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S.: Lesson Leaves, etc.	
		Salary. .	House Rent. .	Total. .	Salary. .	House Rent. .	Total. .									
Clifton,	H. D. Ketcham, . . .	\$1380	\$420	\$1800	\$1380	\$420	\$1800	.....	\$60	\$60	\$18	\$18	\$20	\$700	\$25
Delhi,	L. F. Young,	900	.....	900	1000	.....	1000	Ex. 100	44	44	8	5	46	130	80
Groesbeck,	W. K. Brown,	500	.....	500	500	.....	500	.....	32	32	...	...	5	.....	.....
Ivanhoe,	D. W. C. Washburn, .	800	.....	800	860	.....	860	Ex. 60	32	32	9	...	20	200	52
Madisonville,	D. L. Aultman,	1400	285	1685	1400	285	1685	.....	135	135	39	39	169	759	249
Miami,	J. W. Lucas,	675	.....	675	675	.....	675	.....	28	21	9	3	10	50	30
Mt. Washington & Red Bank,	F. M. Kirgan,	750	.....	750	750	.....	750	.....	45	45	12	12	40	244	75
Norwood,	G. V. Morris,	800	.....	800	756	.....	756	44	24	24	6	6	25	200	75
Riverside,	(S. B. Timmons,) . . .	410	.....	410	350	.....	350	60	10	24	1	1	2	220	131
Winton Place,	S. Weeks,	1000	500	1500	1000	500	1500	.....	72	72	20	20	100	470	53
Totals, . . . . .	. . . . .	41435	7607	49042	37854	7607	45461	Ex. 119	2520	2497	600	470	2090	19079	3255
DAYTON DISTRICT.																
Arcanum,	J. F. McColm,	750	100	850	650	100	750	100	76	76	16	10	6	125	100	
Brandt,	(I. R. Marshall,) . . .	420	80	500	435	80	515	Ex. 15	45	45	10	10	4	50	85	
Centerville,	J. W. Gaddis,	800	120	920	800	120	920	.....	80	80	20	20	40	500	100
Christiansburg,	J. L. Dalbey,	500	70	570	500	70	570	.....	51	51	14	14	9	100	60
Concord,	J. P. Nine,	505	.....	505	505	.....	505	.....	45	45	10	10	40	150	105
Covington,	J. R. Hill,	500	120	620	500	120	620	.....	40	40	10	10	8	80	45
Dayton: Broadway,	C. H. Haines,	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150	.....	103	103	19	19	15	.....	344
Grace,	W. Macafee,	2400	500	2900	2400	500	2900	.....	210	210	40	40	200	1800	200
Raper,	D. W. Clark,	1600	300	1900	1600	300	1900	.....	171	171	33	33	100	725	250
St. Paul,	J. G. Vaughan,	1500	240	1740	1500	240	1740	.....	130	130	27	27	120	500	180
Trinity,	J. Verity,	680	120	800	650	120	770	30	67	64	...	2	5	175	183	
Fairfield,	Henry Miller,	525	120	645	462	120	582	63	52	52	8	4	8	285	62	
Germantown,	W. A. Deaton,	750	.....	750	750	.....	750	.....	50	50	15	5	5	115	75

Gordon,	G. W. Vorhis,	470	50	520	480	50	530	Ex. 10	40	40	12	12	38	125	172
Greenville,	A. N. Spahr,	1200	150	1350	1200	150	1350	.....	121	121	20	20	96	200	168
Lewisburg,	D. S. Ewry,	400	100	500	400	100	500	.....	24	24	8	6	5	150	40
Miamisburg,	M. E. Ketcham, . . .	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	.....	108	108	24	24	66	384	160
New Paris,	W. M. West,	650	50	700	554	50	604	96	68	68	10	...	10	200	65
Piqua: Grace,	T. S. Cowden,	700	150	850	700	150	850	.....	64	56	8	5	12	210	88
Green Street,	F. G. Mitchell,	1600	300	1900	1600	300	1900	.....	177	177	33	33	129	493	175
Tippecanoe City,	J. R. Hunter,	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	65	65	12	11	6	160	75
Troy,	V. F. Brown,	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800	.....	121	121	28	28	168	465	142
Troy Circuit	A. L. Brokaw,	609	135	744	655	135	790	Ex. 46	56	56	13	13	48	100	45
West Alexandria	David Herr,	440	60	500	440	60	500	.....	44	44	9	9	13	90	55
West Elkton,	(W. R. Buckles,) . . .	255	.....	255	310	.....	310	Ex. 55	30	30	3	3	6	60	40
Totals,		21354	3515	24869	21191	3515	24706	163	2038	2027	402	368	1157	7242	3014
HAMILTON DISTRICT.															
Bethany,	Frank Leever,	800	120	920	800	120	920	.....	68	68	10	10	13	100	35
Bond Hill,	(W. C. F. Lippert,) . .	400	100	500	400	100	500	.....	40	40	5	5	18	120	69
Camden,	J. T. Bail,	750	150	900	750	150	900	.....	60	60	10	5	15	175	142
Carthage and Elmwood,	C. W. Elliott,	800	.....	800	760	.....	769	31	60	56	11	11	40	281	286
Eaton,	J. L. Shively,	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	.....	96	96	20	20	80	365	77
Fair Haven,	W. M. Coffman,	485	50	535	435	50	485	50	43	39	6	4	17	150	25
Franklin,	F. M. Clemans,	900	120	1020	900	120	1020	.....	84	84	16	16	32	300	100
Glendale and Sharonville,	C. W. Horn,	500	.....	500	540	.....	540	Ex. 40	40	40	5	3	10	158	32
Hamilton,	C. W. Gullett,	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800	.....	144	144	20	20	42	1000	300
Harrison,	R. G. Easley,	606	100	706	606	100	706	.....	56	50	10	9	9	100	42
Hartwell,	H. A. M. Henderson, . .	1300	300	1600	1300	300	1600	.....	120	120	20	20	80	400	250
Lebanon,	J. P. Porter,	1100	180	1280	1100	180	1280	.....	104	104	20	20	30	300	88
Lebanon Circuit,	(S. Hart,)	300	.....	300	300	.....	300	.....	24	24	3	3	1	20	20
Lockland-Wyoming,	Adam Bowers,	1700	360	2060	1700	360	2060	.....	160	160	25	25	140	550	297
Mason,	J. W. Shorten,	750	150	900	750	150	900	.....	72	72	10	10	25	125	65
Middletown,	S. O. Royal,	1500	200	1700	1500	200	1700	.....	100	100	22	22	74	431	216
Monroe,	J. A. White,	825	125	950	825	125	950	.....	64	64	12	12	36	100	60
Montgomery,	J. A. Winkler,	500	120	620	473	120	593	27	50	42	8	5	4	60	94
Oxford,	E. H. Cherington, . . .	1100	200	1300	1100	200	1300	.....	100	100	20	10	60	500	100
Pleasant Ridge,	U. G. Humphrey, . . .	600	.....	600	600	.....	600	.....	36	36	5	5	33	100	25

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						SUPPORT OF PRES'G ELDERS.		SUP-PORT OF BISHOPS		Conference Claim-ants	CURRENT EXPENSES.		
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.	Am't Ap-portioned	Amount Paid. . .	Am't Ap-portioned.		Amount Paid . . .	Church: Sex- ton, Light, Fuel, etc. . .	S. S.: Lesson Leaves, etc.
		Salary. .	House Rent. .	Total.	Salary. .	House Rent. .	Total. .								
Port Union,	James Stephenson, .	\$700	\$125	\$825	\$700	\$125	\$825	.....	\$68	\$58	\$9	\$2	\$10	\$175	\$60
Red Lion,	C. H. Kalbfus, . . .	500	50	550	358	50	408	\$142	44	28	5	3	22	75	10
Seven Mile,	A. Hamilton,	800	100	900	800	100	900	.....	64	64	10	10	20	150	60
Springboro,	W. H. Wehrley, . . .	500	80	580	500	80	580	.....	44	44	6	6	10	75	40
Venice,	Thomas Cundy, . . .	500	75	575	500	75	575	.....	46	46	5	5	6	100	150
Walker and Union,	(O. W. Dyer,)	500	.....	500	625	.....	625	Ex. 125	40	40	10	6	7	225	70
West Chester,	(Myron F. Hawley,.)	500	100	600	500	100	600	.....	40	30	5	5	10	150	40
Totals,		21416	3305	24721	21331	3305	24636	85	1867	1809	308	272	844	6285	2753
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.															
Belfast,	Chas. Hartley, . . .	700	100	800	700	100	800	50	65	65	11	7	15	300	60
Blanchester,	J. H. McNary, . . .	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	55	55	9	5	14	150	100
Bowersville,	O. D. Becker,	650	75	725	650	75	725	.....	60	60	10	...	22	97	259
Butlerville,	(C. L. Winget,) . . .	460	.....	460	425	.....	425	35	50	45	6	3	6	125	100
Clarksville,	J. A. Easton,	650	100	750	650	100	750	.....	65	65	7	5	20	125	105
Goshen,	C. T. Crum,	600	.....	600	600	.....	600	.....	65	65	10	10	30	225	40
Greenfield,	M. LeSourd,	1200	180	1380	1200	180	1380	.....	100	100	20	20	100	380	275
Hillsboro,	James Murray, . . .	1300	200	1500	1300	200	1500	.....	175	175	25	12	50	400	200
Hillsboro Circuit,	J. H. Middleton, . .	550	85	635	500	85	585	50	55	55	8	5	22	300	40
Leesburg,	O. M. Sellers,	750	150	900	750	150	900	.....	70	70	12	6	36	160	80
Loveland,	B. F. Oswald,	600	84	684	600	84	684	.....	50	50	8	6	17	.....	.....
Lynchburg,	J. McK. Shultz, . . .	700	150	850	607	150	757	93	65	54	11	8	10	120	43
Maineville,	J. F. Loyd,	458	75	533	521	75	596	Ex. 63	47	47	9	9	14	110	90
Martinsville,	J. M. Roberts,	440	60	500	440	60	500	.....	60	60	8	6	2	100	40
Morrow,	C. M. Van Pelt, . . .	700	125	825	700	125	825	.....	65	65	10	10	40	100	70
New Burlington,	Philip Trout,	700	125	825	700	125	825	.....	65	65	10	10	44	196	72

Newtown,	A. T. Cowgill,	600	150	750	600	150	750	.....	60	60	10	10	48	200	105
New Vienna and Lexington, .	R. K. Deen,	700	150	850	700	150	850	.....	70	70	12	12	56	268	157
Rainsboro,	H. W. Bailey,	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	70	70	10	10	31	150	106
Sabina,	L. M. Davis,	700	120	820	700	120	820	.....	65	65	10	10	15	75	62
Sinking Spring,	H. G. Curlless,	450	50	500	485	50	535	Ex. 35	50	50	8	4	14	80	.....
South Lebanon,	W. E. Spurrier,	500	.....	500	500	.....	500	.....	45	45	5	4	5	90	35
Sugar Tree Ridge,	J. H. Davis,	450	25	475	400	25	425	50	50	40	7	7	15	90	21
Union,	J. E. H. Sentman,	800	100	900	750	100	850	50	70	70	14	12	25	115	89
Waynesville,	G. P. Austin,	800	150	950	800	150	950	.....	75	75	12	12	38	200	65
Wilmington,	E. T. Lane,	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	.....	100	100	...	...	40	200	75
Totals,		17658	2654	20312	17478	2654	20132	230	1767	1741	262	203	729	4356	2289
RIPLEY DISTRICT.															
Aberdeen,	(T. W. Williamson,) . .	600	100	700	544	100	644	56	66	59	10	5	5	150	60
Amelia,	G. M. Fulton,	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	66	66	10	10	36	230	100
Batavia,	J. P. Shultz,	800	120	920	800	120	920	.....	66	66	10	10	63	225	135
Bethel,	F. C. English,	525	60	585	470	60	530	55	50	43	6	3	5	88	81
Blue Creek,	(W. E. Shriver,)	250	.....	250	239	.....	239	11	25	25	1	1	1	75	.....
Centenary,	J. D. Darling,	428	72	500	405	72	477	23	44	44	6	6	22	140	90
Chilo,	A. G. Newton,	585	.....	585	500	.....	500	85	45	40	8	5	3	80	56
Decatur,	(David W. Clark,)	600	40	640	556	40	596	44	60	60	10	10	12	96	85
Feesburg,	T. G. Williams,	575	35	610	500	35	535	75	53	53	8	8	10	110	70
Felicity,	S. W. Campbell,	625	100	725	597	100	697	28	60	60	8	5	5	180	40
Georgetown,	W. N. Mason,	700	.....	700	700	.....	700	.....	60	60	8	15	65	175	50
Jacksonville,	(A. D. Singer,)	450	30	480	450	30	480	.....	50	50	5	5	7	125	103
Laurel,	Ira E. Price,	600	60	660	584	60	644	16	56	56	6	6	20	116	87
Manchester,	M. B. Fuller,	675	125	800	675	125	800	.....	66	66	8	8	54	150	100
Marathon,	(J. W. Burdsall,)	400	.....	400	400	.....	400	.....	48	48	6	6	6	161	50
Milford,	R. E. Smith,	1100	180	1280	1100	180	1280	.....	72	72	12	12	55	300	281
Moscow,	C. W. Briggs,	700	72	772	700	72	772	.....	60	60	8	8	35	193	107
Mt. Orab,	W. J. Baker,	600	75	675	585	75	660	15	60	60	8	7	25	180	140
New Richmond,	J. S. Whitney,	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	50	50	10	2	2	172	75
Owensville and Newtonville, .	W. T. Stafford,	550	75	625	553	75	628	Ex. 3	66	66	6	6	11	175	95
Ripley,	H. Witham,	800	150	950	800	150	950	.....	70	70	10	10	50	240	93
Summerside,	C. J. Wells,	700	75	775	650	75	725	50	52	52	8	5	15	260	75

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.							SUPPORT OF PRES'G ELDERS.		SUP- PORT OF BISHOPS		Conference Claim- ants,	CURRENT EXPENSES.	
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.	Am't Ap- portioned.	Amount Paid . . .	Am't Ap- portioned.	Amount Paid . . .	Conference Claim- ants,	S. S.: Lesson Leaves, etc.	Church: Sex- ton, Light, Fuel, etc. . .
		Salary..	House Rent. .	Total. .	Salary..	House Rent. .	Total. .								
West Union,	J. F. Laird,	\$600	\$60	\$660	\$563	\$60	\$623	\$37	\$60	\$56	\$6	\$6	\$15	\$31	\$150
Williamsburg,	W. H. Sutherland, . .	600	125	725	600	125	725	.....	55	55	6	6	15	68	120
Williamsburg Circuit, . . .	W. S. Gray,	500	.....	500	500	.....	500	.....	50	50	5	5	10	.....	175
Winchester,	W. P. Jackson,	700	100	800	600	100	700	100	60	50	10	9	24	50	100
Totals,		16063	1854	17917	15471	1854	17325	592	1470	1437	201	181	571	4166	2122
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.															
Catawba,	J. E. Abrams,	700	110	810	700	110	810	.....	70	70	15	15	51	100	240
Cedarville,	F. E. Vance,	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	45	45	13	6	20	95	175
Dialton,	W. A. Wyant,	600	100	700	612	100	712	Ex. 12	50	50	12	12	43	74	152
Jamestown,	J. S. Pumphrey,	900	150	1050	900	150	1050	.....	80	80	20	20	54	66	180
King's Creek,	A. C. Deuel,	400	.....	400	400	.....	400	.....	50	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mechanicsburg,	D. D. Cheney,	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150	.....	85	85	20	8	30	94	250
Mutual,	I. C. Page,	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	40	40	14	8	15	98	80
New Carlisle,	T. P. Walter,	760	100	860	760	100	860	.....	70	70	15	10	50	81	217
New Jasper,	R. S. McColm,	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	70	70	15	12	11	60	150
New Moorefield,	D. A. McColm,	760	100	860	662	100	762	98	65	56	15	10	15	65	180
South Charleston,	B. D. Hypes,	850	150	1000	850	150	1000	.....	80	80	20	20	40	50	200
South Charleston Circuit, . .	L. A. Deputy,	800	100	900	800	100	900	.....	45	45	12	8	27	90	200
Springfield: Central,	C. W. Barnes,	1600	400	2000	1600	400	2000	.....	135	135	15	15	85	253	600
Grace,	A. C. Turrell,	800	.....	800	700	.....	700	100	25	20	1	1	6	58	130
High Street,	A. H. Lucas,	1600	500	2100	1600	500	2100	.....	135	135	25	25	100	175	1000
St. Paul,	P. C. Curnick,	1600	400	2000	1600	400	2000	.....	135	135	35	25	100	200	1600
Tremont City,	C. D. Munsey,	800	96	896	738	96	834	62	85	70	15	10	45	181	305
Urbana: First Church,	G. W. Dubois,	1400	250	1650	1400	250	1650	.....	135	135	30	30	75	220	781
Grace,	E. Burdsall,	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400	.....	120	120	25	25	96	58	425

enia: First Church,	T. H. Pearne,	1400	300	1700	1400	300	1700	.....	135	135	30	30	112	457	143
Trinity,	D. C. Vance,	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500	.....	95	95	25	25	85	565	60
Yellow Springs,	H. C. Middleton,	850	100	950	771	100	871	79	60	60	20	5	14	200	109
Total,		21120	3806	24926	20793	3806	24599	327	1810	1771	392	320	1074	8087	2330

RECAPITULATION.

NAME OF DISTRICTS.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						Deficiencies,	SUPPORT OF PRESIDING ELDERS.		SUPPORT OF BISHOPS.		Conference Claims- ants	CURRENT EXPENSES.	
	CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.				Am't Ap- portioned,	Amount Paid. . . .	Am't Ap- portioned,	Amount Paid		Church: Sex- ton, Light, Fuel, etc. . .	S. S.: Lesson Leaves, etc.
	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.								
Cincinnati,	\$41,435	\$7,607	\$49,042	\$37,854	\$7,607	\$45,461	Ex. 119	\$2,520	\$2,497	\$600	\$470	\$2,090	\$19,079	\$3,255
Dayton,	21,354	3,515	24,869	21,191	3,515	24,706	163	2,038	2,027	402	368	1,157	7,242	3,014
Hamilton,	21,416	3,305	24,721	21,331	3,305	24,636	85	1,867	1,809	308	272	844	6,285	2,753
Hillsboro,	17,658	2,654	20,312	17,478	2,654	20,132	230	1,767	1,741	262	203	731	4,356	2,289
Ripley,	16,063	1,854	17,917	15,471	1,854	17,325	592	1,470	1,437	201	181	571	4,166	2,122
Springfield,	21,120	3,806	24,926	20,793	3,806	24,599	327	1,810	1,771	392	320	1,074	8,087	2,330
Totals,	139,046	22,741	161,787	134,118	22,741	156,859	1,278	11,472	11,282	2,165	1,814	6,467	49,215	15,763
Totals, 1892, . . . . .	.....	.....	155,980	.....	.....	154,019	2,599	11,247	11,093	2,127	1,868	6,876	50,485	.....
Increase, . . . . .	.....	.....	5,807	.....	.....	2,840	.....	225	189	38	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decrease, . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,321	.....	.....	.....	54	409	1,270	.....

GENERAL STATISTICS NO. IV.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY, - - - -

WM. J. BAKER, Mt. Orab, Ohio.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																
	MISSIONS.			Board of Church Extension.	Sunday-school Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid & South. Ed. Soc.	EDUCATION.		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Miss. Society.	Woman's Home Miss. Society.	Episcopal Fund.	Conference Claimants.	General Conf. Expenses.	Other collections.	Deaconess Home.
	Church.	Sunday-school.	Total.					Children's Fund.	Other Edu'nal Objects.								
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.																	
Avondale,	\$339	\$61	\$400	\$49	\$13	\$14	\$400	\$23	\$19	\$21	\$280	\$352	\$49	\$223	.....	2,391	\$579
Cheviot,	729	26	755	161	48	38	181	19	107	100	37	.....	12	170	.....	196	102
Cincinnati: Asbury,	70	101	171	20	3	3	28	5	10	4	35	58	18	45	.....	110	.....
Camp Washington,	23	27	50	15	1	1	15	3	1	1	28	.....	2	12	.....	35	15
Christie,	64	41	105	13	5	4	13	3	7	5	37	422	14	75	.....	50	36
Church Ex. Soc. Missions, . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	.....
Columbia,	8	80	88	12	2	2	9	5	2	.....	58	.....	2	30	.....	39	39
Cumminsville,	20	30	50	5	2	2	5	3	2	1	54	.....	5	25	.....	40	10
Fairmount,	75	.....	75	5	1	1	5	1	1	.....	85	.....	8	13	.....	.....	36
Finley,	27	13	40	10	5	5	7	.....	3	3	.....	.....	6	20	.....	8	.....
McKendree,	67	23	90	8	1	1	8	5	.....	1	.....	.....	9	25	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Auburn,	163	67	230	73	10	10	65	10	11	20	83	90	25	105	.....	170	122
Mt. Lookout,	140	64	204	50	4	4	50	5	4	.....	50	114	13	50	.....	141	25
North Fairmount, . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pearl Street,	11	14	25	5	1	1	5	1	.....	1	2	2	5	11	.....	.....	5
Pendleton,	9	29	38	7	.....	.....	6	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	10	.....	6	.....
Price Hill,	50	15	65	9	2	1	10	2	1	1	15	.....	6	30	.....	203	71
St. John,	25	.....	25	10	1	1	10	2	.....	1	.....	.....	1	30	.....	.....	.....
St. Paul,	438	104	542	75	15	15	2,075	5	20	20	254	2,895	55	253	.....	647	124
Trinity,	224	29	253	22	12	12	38	3	9	10	257	472	.....	100	.....	101	214
Walnut Hills,	810	676	1,486	121	18	.....	183	.....	.....	.....	772	1,243	80	250	.....	377	400
Wesley,	344	44	388	50	23	19	25	12	30	27	118	.....	29	121	.....	552	29

Cincinnati: York Street, . . .	38	112	150	11	5	5	7	.....	5	8	35	170	21	50	.....	20	20
Cleves and Addyston,	13	8	21	1	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....
Clifton,	40	5	45	10	1	1	20	5	.....	3	275	.....	18	20	.....	1,300	85
Delhi,	69	31	100	5	1	1	5	3	2	1	23	55	5	46	.....	.....	116
Groesbeck,	7	3	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....
Ivanhoe,	18	12	30	.....	.....	.....	3	7	.....	.....	37	113	.....	20	.....	235	.....
Madisonville,	200	150	350	78	3	2	106	8	.....	.....	138	.....	39	169	.....	72	125
Miami,	37	3	40	2	1	1	2	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	3	10	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Washing'n & Red Bank, . . .	107	38	145	15	2	2	15	2	2	2	83	12	40	.....	28	.....	.....
Norwood,	22	27	49	5	3	2	5	5	.....	2	25	10	6	25	.....	20	14
Riverside,	5	2	7	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....
Winton Place,	130	20	150	30	10	10	25	7	15	15	51	47	20	100	.....	103	.....
Totals,	4,322	1,855	6,177	877	194	158	3,327	148	251	248	2,749	6,126	470	2,090	.....	6,842	2,167
DAYTON DISTRICT.																	
Arcanum,	44	13	57	2	2	2	8	10	1	1	29	.....	10	6	.....	.....	12
Brandt,	26	.....	26	4	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	4	.....	.....	2
Centerville,	120	44	164	23	2	3	10	6	2	9	35	3	20	40	.....	7	50
Christiansburg,	19	15	34	4	1	1	2	4	3	1	.....	.....	14	9	.....	.....	.....
Concord,	67	17	84	7	2	1	6	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	10	40	.....	.....	.....
Covington,	25	5	30	3	1	1	3	3	.....	1	5	.....	10	8	.....	.....	.....
Dayton: Broadway,	153	73	226	25	5	5	48	7	.....	5	16	.....	19	15	.....	.....	.....
Grace,	563	437	1,000	100	20	10	40	33	.....	20	474	539	40	200	.....	.....	75
Raper,	335	236	571	25	5	5	25	27	80	5	218	131	33	100	.....	.....	25
St. Paul,	350	150	500	50	5	5	100	10	.....	5	323	328	27	120	.....	325	.....
Trinity, . . . . .	.....	33	33	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	5	.....	.....	.....
Fairfield,	20	15	35	1	.....	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	8	.....	.....	.....
Germantown,	30	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	10	.....	5	5	.....	.....	.....
Gordon,	58	54	112	17	3	3	23	18	2	2	2	2	12	38	.....	.....	2
Greenville,	97	63	160	10	2	2	15	12	3	.....	20	30	20	96	.....	200	28
Lewisburg,	23	2	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	.....	5	.....	.....	.....
Miamisburg,	182	55	237	33	7	5	22	8	25	6	59	.....	24	66	.....	.....	30
New Paris and Ft. Jefferson, . .	20	10	30	10	2	2	10	7	2	2	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....
Piqua: Grace,	20	20	40	5	1	1	5	5	11	41	14	5	12
Greene Street,	620	199	819	65	5	5	94	13	125	72	180	145	33	129	36

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	MISSIONS.			Board of Church Extension	Sunday-school Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid & South. Ed. Soc. . . .	EDUCATION.		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Miss. Society. . . .	Woman's Home Miss. Society. . . .	Episcopal Fund.	Conference Claimants . .	General Conf. Expenses . .	Other collections	Deaconess Home. . . .
	Church .	Sunday-school .	Total . .					Child's Fund . .	Other Edu'nal Objects.								
Tippecanoe City & Milton, . . .	\$33	\$15	\$48	\$2	\$1	.....	\$1	\$1	.....	\$53	.....	\$138	\$11	\$6	.....	.....	.....
Troy,	269	133	402	109	10	\$10	75	252	\$41	52	105	138	28	168	.....	\$45	.....
Troy Circuit,	70	5	75	12	2	2	5	6	.....	2	.....	.....	13	48	.....	17	.....
West Alexandria,	28	2	30	12	1	1	5	3	.....	1	3	2	9	13	.....	.....	.....
West Elkton,	14	3	17	5	.....	1	5	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	6	.....	.....	.....
Totals,	3,186	1,599	4,785	526	78	66	510	435	284	198	1,520	1,351	368	1,157	.....	630	\$224
HAMILTON DISTRICT.																	
Bethany,	51	14	65	7	.....	.....	5	5	1	.....	22	.....	10	13	.....	5	11
Bond Hill,	27	.....	27	5	1	1	5	7	3	1	.....	.....	5	18	.....	.....	.....
Camden,	36	9	45	2	1	1	2	2	.....	1	.....	.....	5	15	.....	.....	.....
Carthage and Elmwood Place, .	58	51	109	10	2	2	14	4	3	2	11	34	11	40	.....	55	.....
Eaton,	181	64	245	40	3	3	80	8	3	11	138	84	20	80	.....	.....	50
Fair Haven,	60	5	65	9	1	1	7	10	.....	1	.....	.....	4	17	.....	.....	.....
Franklin,	52	28	80	12	2	1	12	7	2	4	.....	.....	16	32	.....	.....	.....
Glendale and Sharonville, . . .	5	12	17	3	1	1	2	5	3	.....	.....	.....	3	10	.....	.....	.....
Hamilton,	150	100	250	20	1	1	20	.....	.....	.....	64	.....	20	42	.....	68	.....
Harrison,	37	13	50	8	1	1	8	3	.....	.....	74	.....	9	9	.....	.....	.....
Hartwell,	147	48	195	15	5	5	15	20	.....	5	98	54	20	80	.....	160	.....
Lebanon,	130	40	170	20	12	8	24	10	.....	5	75	6	20	30	.....	.....	16
Lebanon Circuit,	15	.....	15	2	1	1	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	1	.....	.....	.....
Lockland-Wyoming,	576	64	640	124	20	10	200	3	6	7	462	40	25	140	.....	87	490
Mason,	72	28	100	6	.....	2	5	4	.....	2	14	.....	10	25	.....	.....	5
Middletown,	115	30	145	20	3	3	90	5	.....	20	23	107	22	74	.....	.....	20
Monroe,	50	17	67	13	5	5	12	6	5	.....	10	.....	12	36	.....	.....	.....
Montgomery,	18	.....	18	.....	.....	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	4	\$1	9	.....

Oxford,	162	38	200	15	2	1	15	4	2	11	51	93	10	60	.....	.....	10
Pleasant Ridge,	35	8	43	8	2	1	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	5	33	.....	12	13
Port Union,	20	5	25	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	10	1	.....	.....
Red Lion,	25	8	33	5	1	1	5	3	1	2	.....	.....	3	22	.....	.....	8
Seven Mile,	30	20	50	5	2	1	3	4	2	20	1	1	10	20	.....	100	.....
Springboro,	10	20	30	1	1	1	2	2	2	.....	.....	34	6	10	.....	.....	.....
Venice,	27	3	30	2	.....	.....	2	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	6	.....	.....	.....
Walker and Union,	23	4	27	1	1	1	1	.....	7	1	1	1	6	7	.....	.....	1
West Chester,	30	5	35	5	3	.....	8	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	10	.....	.....	.....
Totals,	2,142	634	2,776	360	72	54	548	130	41	94	1,045	470	272	844	2	496	624
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.																	
Belfast,	70	10	80	10	.....	1	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	15	.....	.....	.....
Blanchester,	79	21	100	7	1	2	4	10	2	.....	1	.....	5	14	.....	.....	.....
Bowersville,	67	33	100	10	1	1	15	3	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	22	.....	.....	17
Butlerville,	31	.....	31	2	1	1	6	7	.....	1	.....	.....	3	6	2	.....	.....
Clarksville,	30	6	36	4	1	1	4	5	.....	16	.....	.....	5	20	.....	.....	.....
Goshen,	50	75	125	30	3	3	20	15	5	5	6	2	10	30	.....	.....	.....
Greenfield,	125	150	275	45	10	10	42	10	10	20	115	47	20	100	.....	.....	64
Hillsboro,	165	45	210	10	2	2	10	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	50	.....	.....	.....
Hillsboro Circuit,	83	7	90	5	.....	.....	4	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	22	.....	.....	.....
Leesburg,	100	30	130	15	3	2	18	22	3	2	38	21	6	36	.....	.....	45
Loveland,	42	18	60	2	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	17	.....	.....	.....
Lynchburg,	34	16	50	7	1	1	7	1	1	1	8	.....	8	10	.....	.....	.....
Maineville,	50	20	70	3	2	1	2	3	24	1	22	1	9	14	.....	.....	1
Martinsville,	30	10	40	1	1	1	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	4	.....	.....	.....
Morrow,	70	20	90	20	5	5	20	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	40	.....	.....	15
New Burlington,	140	10	150	10	1	1	6	8	2	1	.....	.....	10	44	.....	.....	.....
Newtown,	65	28	93	1	1	5	5	10	1	1	.....	.....	10	48	.....	.....	.....
New Vienna and Lexington,	127	23	150	14	4	4	22	7	.....	4	118	.....	12	56	.....	.....	.....
Rainsboro,	117	8	125	16	1	1	13	7	2	3	.....	.....	10	31	.....	.....	2
Sabina,	65	15	80	11	1	1	17	6	1	1	.....	.....	10	15	.....	12	.....
Sinking Spring,	68	7	75	10	2	1	9	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	14	.....	.....	.....
South Lebanon,	16	25	41	9	4	4	11	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	5	.....	.....	.....
Sugar Tree Ridge,	45	5	50	5	1	1	5	3	.....	2	.....	5	7	15	.....	.....	.....

Goshen has paid to W. F. M. S. the Niles Bequest of \$364.31. Shiloh Camp-meeting Auxiliary to W. F. M. S., \$28, making a total for Hillsboro District W. F. M. S., \$815.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.												
	MISSIONS.			EDUCATION.			American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Miss. Society.	Woman's Home Miss. Society.	Episcopal Fund.	Conference Claimants.	General Conf. Expenses.	Other Collec-tions.
	Church..	Sunday-school..	Total..	Child'n's Fund..	Other Edu'nal Objects.	Freedmen's Aid & South. Ed. Soc. . .							
Union,	\$86	\$36	\$122	\$22	\$4	\$10	\$6	\$56	.....	\$12	\$25	.....	.....
Waynesville,	77	28	105	8	7	10	1	15	.....	12	38	.....	\$15
Wilmington,	172	28	200	5	15	15	5	44	.....	.....	40	.....	.....
Totals,	2,004	674	2,678	187	77	283	71	423	\$76	203	731	\$2	27
RIPLEY DISTRICT.													
Aberdeen,	25	5	30	1	.....	5	1	5	1	5	5	.....	3
Amelia,	46	14	60	7	5	16	2	.....	.....	10	36	.....	4
Batavia,	38	27	65	3	3	7	4	.....	.....	10	63	.....	.....
Bethel,	40	.....	40	.....	2	.....	1	.....	.....	3	5	.....	5
Blue Creek,	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....
Centenary,	20	7	27	4	2	5	1	.....	.....	6	22	.....	.....
Chilo,	42	8	50	7	5	1	.....	.....	.....	5	3	.....	.....
Decatur,	50	.....	50	.....	.....	7	.....	20	.....	10	12	.....	.....
Feesburg,	85	5	90	8	2	5	1	.....	.....	8	10	.....	2
Felicity,	40	.....	40	1	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	5	5	.....	.....
Georgetown,	119	21	140	7	9	20	5	12	.....	15	65	.....	9
Jacksonville,	29	1	30	9	1	7	.....	.....	.....	5	7	.....	.....
Laurel,	65	10	75	8	3	10	2	.....	.....	6	20	.....	.....
Manchester,	70	.....	70	6	.....	5	2	29	.....	8	54	.....	6
Marathon,	30	.....	30	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	6	6	.....	.....
Milford,	135	100	235	8	44	36	2	60	111	12	55	.....	25
Moscow,	68	12	80	20	4	10	4	3	.....	8	35	.....	15
Mt. Orab,	65	4	69	4	.....	5	.....	26	.....	7	25	.....	17
New Richmond,	10	8	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2	.....	.....

Owensville and Newtonville,	55	4	59	13	6	3	15	23	2	.....	.....	.....	6	11	.....	.....
Ripley,	75	25	100	9	2	2	10	3	2	2	20	.....	10	50	.....	.....
Summerside,	35	25	60	3	1	1	3	2	1	1	.....	.....	5	15	.....	.....
West Union,	46	.....	46	2	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	44	.....	6	15	.....	.....
Williamsburg,	71	19	90	4	2	1	3	4	2	1	1	.....	8	15	.....	.....
Williamsburg Circuit,	25	.....	25	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	.....	.....	5	10	.....	.....
Winchester,	60	10	70	5	2	2	5	3	3	2	23	.....	9	24	.....	.....
Totals,	1,346	305	1,651	193	50	51	187	129	92	33	243	113	181	571	.....	54
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.																
Catawba,	165	25	190	23	5	10	34	16	.....	4	22	2	15	51	.....	.....
Cedarville,	75	25	100	10	2	2	20	2	1	1	.....	.....	6	20	.....	10
Dialton,	191	14	205	28	1	1	10	16	1	1	10	.....	12	43	.....	.....
Jamestown,	100	83	183	5	1	1	5	9	33	13	54	.....	20	54	.....	.....
King's Creek, . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mechanicsburg,	118	105	223	20	3	3	12	3	1	1	45	64	8	30	.....	.....
Mutual,	40	40	80	10	4	2	8	10	.....	3	.....	.....	8	15	.....	10
New Carlisle,	100	40	140	28	5	5	28	10	.....	1	27	18	10	50	.....	.....
New Jasper,	60	.....	60	9	.....	.....	5	1	.....	.....	.....	1	12	11	.....	.....
New Moorefield,	60	.....	60	4	.....	.....	4	.....	3	.....	.....	6	10	15	.....	.....
South Charleston,	128	47	175	10	3	2	15	2	3	5	48	4	20	40	.....	110
South Charleston Circuit,	60	25	85	15	2	2	12	15	12	.....	.....	.....	8	27	.....	.....
Springfield—Central,	150	280	430	50	.....	.....	63	16	.....	.....	155	140	15	85	.....	.....
Grace,	22	5	27	2	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	6	.....	.....
High Street,	350	200	550	52	5	3	40	11	.....	2	192	220	25	100	.....	.....
St. Paul,	317	133	450	25	1	1	20	12	1	1	144	350	25	100	.....	.....
Tremont City,	166	10	176	36	4	4	20	15	5	3	.....	.....	10	45	.....	.....
Urbana—First Church,	334	94	428	50	7	7	50	16	5	8	84	196	30	75	.....	.....
Grace,	240	125	365	30	15	5	50	15	10	10	28	104	25	96	.....	.....
Xenia—First Church,	366	159	524	59	8	8	70	8	42	26	77	93	30	112	.....	42
Trinity,	167	60	227	20	3	4	16	10	.....	14	48	211	25	85	.....	.....
Yellow Springs,	22	44	66	5	1	1	5	6	2	2	15	7	5	14	.....	.....
Totals,	3,230	1,514	*4,744	491	77	65	*490	193	119	96	949	1,416	320	1,074	.....	173

*In addition Rev. Wesley Webster has paid as follows: To the Missionary Society, \$200, making Missions \$4,944; to the F. A. & S. E. Society, \$100, making F. A. & S. E. Society \$590. Just reported by Mrs. Lloyd: To the W. F. M. Society, \$200, making W. F. M. Society \$1,149. New Jasper Charge has paid \$60 for Missions for 1892, not reported last year.

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	MISSIONS.			Board of Church Extension . . .	Sunday-school Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid & Southern Ed. Soc .	EDUCATION.		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Soc .	Woman's Home Miss. Society. . . .	Episcopal Fund.	Conference Claimants. .	General Conf. Expenses . .	Other collections.	Deaconess Home and Christ Hos..
	Church. .	Sunday-School. .	Total. . .					Childr'n's Fund. .	Other Edu'nal Objects.								
Cincinnati,	\$4,322	\$1,855	\$6,176	\$877	\$194	\$158	\$3,327	\$148	\$251	\$248	\$2,749	\$6,126	\$470	\$2,090	.....	\$6,842	\$2,167
Dayton,	3,186	1,599	4,785	526	78	66	510	435	284	198	1,520	1,351	368	1,157	.....	630	224
Hamilton,	2,142	634	2,776	360	72	54	548	130	41	94	1,045	470	272	844	2	496	624
Hillsboro,	2,004	674	2,678	274	55	58	283	187	77	71	815	76	203	731	2	27	144
Ripley,	1,346	305	1,651	193	50	51	187	129	93	33	243	113	181	571	.....	32	54
Springfield,	3,430	1,514	4,944	491	77	65	590	193	119	96	1,149	1,416	320	1,074	.....	1,020	173
Total,	16,430	6,581	23,011	2,721	526	452	5,445	1,222	865	740	7,521	9,552	1,814	6,467	4	9,047	3,386
Total for 1892, . .	17,193	6,752	23,945	2,674	509	484	5,750	941	680	685	7,555	7,618	1,868	6,878	.....	7,339	3,236
Increase, . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	47	17	.....	.....	281	185	55	.....	1,934	.....	.....	.....	.....	150
Decrease,	763	171	934	.....	.....	32	305	.....	.....	.....	34	.....	54	111	.....	.....	.....

Note.—In addition to the above, there is reported \$60 from New Jasper Charge, Springfield District, due from collections for 1892.
W. J. BAKER, Statistical Secretary.

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VI.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

THE Bible has God for its Author, truth for its matter, and salvation for its end. The supply of this Bible to the sixty-eight millions of people in the United States, and to the missions of all the Churches in all the lands of the earth, to each people in its own tongue, is the work in which the American Bible Society is engaged. During the seventy-seven years of its existence it has sent out 67,000,000 copies of the entire Bible, or parts of it. Besides all other sources of income, \$300,000 must be raised by collections annually, to carry on this work. In a report like this, details are impossible; neither are they needed by a generation of Methodists whose childhood was instructed from Bibles published by the American Bible Society. Such a people should be grieved to find that the collections for this cause are inadequate to supply the growing demands upon the Society. In the present financial and critical exigency, we must stand by the Bible and the American Bible Society; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we will faithfully present this cause in all our Churches, preaching specially upon the duty of the Church to supply the Word of God to the masses of the people, and that we will take collections for the work of the American Bible Society.

Resolved, 2. That we will report and pay over such collections to local Bible Societies where they exist, and that we will co-operate with such Societies in the circulation of the Bible.

Resolved, 3. That where no local Societies exist we will seek to promote the objects of the American Bible Society, and will report our collections at the annual session of the Conference, or forward them to the Treasurer at New York.

S. MCCHESENEY, *Chairman*.

D. J. STARR, *Secretary*.

D. A. MCCOLM,

G. P. AUSTIN,

JAS. MURRAY,

J. E. H. SENTMAN,

J. P. NINE.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

THE Church Extension Society in Methodism has been a prime factor in the great success of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society in gathering into our Church a membership of over 400,000. It has also been the one dependence in planting Churches in the settlements and villages on the frontier, where thousands upon thousands are gathering of all nationalities, and also, with liberal hand, helping the needy Churches throughout the older communities.

The work of the missionary, unless re-enforced by a house for worship, is of little permanent value to the community or to the Church. To provide for this, is the work of this Society. The trust has been most faithfully fulfilled up to the full measure of the means committed to its care.

The entire receipts up to date are \$3,109,810; Loan Fund, \$1,735,525; making a total of \$4,844,336. Nine thousand churches have been built and aided. Many would never have had an existence without this aid. Yet at no time in the history of this Society, but what the demand for help has been greatly in excess of ability to meet.

The Secretary (Dr. Spencer) says, that there are now more than three thousand homeless congregations in our Methodism. The Society is bound up with the aggressive work of the Church in the home-field. Every department of our organized benevolences put the seal of their approval upon it. It challenges the confidence of the Church by its fidelity to trusts committed, and makes good its claim for enlarged contributions by the vigor of its administration.

We desire to make record of the successful management of the Loan Fund. While other Churches have tried and failed, by reason of a false charity that refused to apply when necessity demanded "the effective persuasives of the law," because a Church debt and dependent on charity for its resources, we have been favored with a stalwart administration on business principles in the name of common honesty and to the honor of the Church, in keeping intact this great trust according to the intent of the givers.

We not only approve the past, but insist that this fund be kept inviolate in all time to come, in its return to help the needy, even if the authority of the law must be invoked. Better one Society suffer, than faithlessness and dishonor, creating distrust and hindering, it may be, the prosperity of a hundred Societies in time to come.

As ministers, we accord to this Society a place of prime importance among our organized benevolences. We commend it to the confidence and liberality of our membership. We heartily indorse the administration of the Loan Fund. We give the right of way of its Secretaries to our pulpits and our Churches.

We, as a Conference, ought never do less than raise our apportionment, and in order to do this would urge the stronger Societies to aid the weaker by going beyond their assessments.

C. H. HAINES,

G. L. TUFTS,

HENRY WITHAM,

A. T. COWGILL,

C. W. BRIGGS,

A. U. BEALL,

Committee.

COMPLIMENTARY RESOLUTIONS.

RESOLVED, That in this first official visit of our beloved and honored Bishop, Rev. J. F. Hurst, D. D., LL. D., as our President, he has greatly endeared himself to us by his Christian courtesy, by his eminent qualities of mind and heart, by his skill and wisdom in guiding our deliberations, and by his fidelity to every interest of the Church under his care.

We shall always hail his reassignment to the Presidency of the Cincinnati Conference, however soon and often that may be.

Resolved, That we are deeply grateful to the members of our own Church and sister Churches, and to the citizens of Troy and vicinity generally, for the generous hospitality with which they have entertained our Conference; that we gratefully remember the like kindness extended to us twenty-eight years ago, and that we assure our hosts of a ready acceptance of their invitation when they may again ask the Conference to hold its session in this beautiful and prosperous city.

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the courtesies extended to us by the pastors and officers of the Presbyterian and Christian Churches of Troy for the use of their buildings for special meetings; and that we are especially thankful to the pastor, Rev. V. F. Brown, and to the officers of our own beautiful and well-appointed Church, and to the Entertainment

Committee, for the thoughtful care which has anticipated and provided for our every want and comfort, and prepared and published a manual of our entertainment.

Resolved, That the excellent music furnished by the Knight Templars' Quartet, by Miss Nannie Verity and the accomplished choir of our Church; that the floral decorations provided by the ladies, and the valuable services of the gentlemanly ushers, and attentive pages, have greatly added to the pleasure of our session, and that we express to all these persons our sincere thanks.

Resolved, That we thank the publishers of the Troy, Cincinnati, and other papers for printing such full reports of our daily proceedings, as well as the picture of our President, and commend the enterprise of these publishers.

Resolved, That the thanks of Conference are hereby expressed for the faithful and efficient services of Rev. S. O. Royal, Secretary; Rev. W. J. Baker, Statistical Secretary; Rev. C. W. Elliott, Treasurer of the Conference, and their assistants; to Rev. W. T. Stafford, Railroad Secretary; and to Rev. A. B. Austin, Conference Postmaster, for valuable services.

Resolved, That the thanks of Conference are tendered to such railroads as have extended us favors, and to the sexton of this Church for polite attentions.

D. J. STARR,
T. H. PEARNE,
R. S. RUST.

DEACONESS BOARD OF CONTROL.

IN presenting the fourth report of the deaconess-work to the Conference, your Board is gratified to say that the present year has been the most prosperous in the history of this movement, so recently inaugurated, in the number of deaconesses supported in the Home and patients cared for in Christ Hospital. The Deaconess Movement is too firmly established to need argument. But your Board feels that the Church is far from appreciating the opportunity for engaging in the most efficient kind of work that God has opened since the apostolic era. It ought to provoke the ministry and membership of our Church to enthusiasm in this Christly work, to see how derelict it has been in comparison with the Roman Catholic Church, whose almost unbroken hold upon the world most largely depends upon its works of mercy and love. From the report of the Board of the Association, we learn that 1,452 nuns and 116 brothers, in Cincinnati alone, are cultivating this field. They have twenty-one Houses of Mercy; four Orphan Asylums, that care for 932 children; fifty-two parochial schools, teaching 17,635 children; two Girls' Protectories, guarding 201; two Girls' Homes, sheltering 132; two Girls' Industrial Homes, training 222; one Boys' Protectors, caring for 140; one Boys' Home, where twenty-eight are cared for, and three Girls' Reformatories, with 341 inmates; a total of 19,631 of the youth of Cincinnati and vicinity under the daily care of the Church. Besides this, they operate four hospitals, ministering last year to 5,804 patients; also two Homes for the aged, where 330 are cared for. Say what we may of the Church of Rome, *this*, at least, is Christly work. And far in the future will be the time when Rome will be converted to the faith of any Church that neglects, or does not emphasize, work like this, in which she is so pre-eminent.

The Board is gratified to report that since the last session of Conference the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Christ Hospital have been sheltered in the new and permanent quarters provided on Mount Auburn by the children of the late Joseph and Elizabeth Gamble, for the purposes of this work. There are at present thirty-six deaconesses under the splendid leadership of Miss Hannah M. Pierce, who has recently come to the Home as Superintendent.

Your Board has, from time to time, visited the Home, and has found it to be all that could be asked in the spirit of its consecration and devotion to the work God has called these elect sisters to perform. The Secretary has been untiring in devotion to the cause, and to his zeal and fine executive ability much of the success of the Home and Hospital has been due. The Hospital has done a great work.

Let it be remembered that it is not for Cincinnati alone. Out of 727 patients received up to August 1, 1893, 291 were from Cincinnati. The rest came from fifteen States and five foreign countries; but mainly from the patronizing territory. The work should receive the active sympathy and the most substantial financial aid from Ohio Methodism. Especially should this be the case in view of the large expense involved.

The Cincinnati Conference is under special obligation in view of the fact that it is largely a work of the Conference, being within its boundaries and under its control.

The receipts for the past year have been \$20,539.69. But with this large revenue there was at the close of the fiscal year a deficiency of \$4,737.80. The expense involved in changing to the present Home accounts in part for this. Partly it is accounted for by the depression in business. And yet another reason is the multiplied applications for relief from those who can not get help elsewhere. This means larger expenditures than ever before.

Therefore, in commending this work, we ask that the Conference provide for a collection to be taken by every pastor within its bounds during the coming year. A work so gracious in its nature as this, and one that is so vitally related to every interest, not only of our Church, but of Protestantism, ought to receive an indorsement like this.

Your Board heartily approves the administration, and recommends the reappointment of Rev. H. C. Weakley, D. D., as Corresponding Secretary.

J. F. MARLAY, *President*.

M. M. KUGLER, *Secretary*.

DEACONESS HOME AND CHRIST HOSPITAL.

THE Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Christ Hospital are now templated in a building adapted to their purposes and imposing in appearance. It is situated on a commanding eminence, about which floats the purest air, and in the midst of a spacious campus, ample for recreative uses and capable of handsome landscape-gardening effects. Since your last session, through the liberality and generosity of Brother James N. Gamble and other members of his family, the property known as the Mount Auburn Female Seminary has been purchased at a cost of \$75,000, and fitted up for Home and Hospital purposes. The edifice is a noble monument to the spirit of benevolence and to the memory of the sainted woman whose name it bears, giving fragrance to its stones, as the spike-nard ointment to the fragments of the alabaster box broken by the loving woman as a testimonial of her esteem for her gracious Lord. How much more befitting the character it memorializes than sculptured marble and pompous epitaph, idly standing ward over the dust of the dead! By the stone in the graveyard the litany is befitting, "In the midst of life we are in death;" by the building on Mount Auburn, dedicated to the relief of suffering humanity, this paraphrase is becoming, "In the midst of death we are in life." Methodism in Cincinnati now has something to which she can point with a commendable pride indicative of her care for the woes of our race, as well as her zeal for the souls of men—something for the present time as well as that which is to come. The strength of the Roman Catholic Church has been in its charitable orders and eleemosynary institutions. If Protestantism would vie in this emulation and prove

itself as superior in love as she has in light, its conquest would soon be complete. Notwithstanding the hoary errors she has fostered, Romanism has had power with men because of her Sisters of Charity and their watch-care by the pillows of suffering.

Let us multiply our Oberlins, Howards, Wilberforces, Elizabeth Frys, Deborah Dixes, Clara Bartons, Frances Willards, and Isabella Thoburns. The day is nigh when the costume of the Methodist deaconess will be as common on our streets, and in the abodes of suffering and the haunts of poverty, as the habit of the Sister of Charity. The Church throughout the bounds of the patronizing Conferences should rally to the support of this Home. The work is too vast and the interests too many to be thrown upon the liberality of a single family. It should have for a constituency many praying hearts and many helping hands. Every Church that contributes a deaconess, a patient, a nurse, money, or supplies, by that act becomes an ally of the institution. Year by year it will multiply its patrons and beneficiaries until, at length, the influence will become confluent, and all our Churches will unite to extend the facilities for the application of the benignant power of this God-born agency. But as all vital forces work from the center outward, it is expected of the Cincinnati Conference that it should radiate a zeal that will kindle the contiguous and more remote Conferences into a holy fire that will thaw out the winter of indifference in the veins of every constituent in the patronizing territory. The work already done gives no mean presage of the physical and spiritual benefits it will confer when fully equipped and endowed for its mission. Already more than 700 patients have shared its benefits and gone forth to spread its fame and bless its memory. Souls have been saved as well as bodies healed. The Great Physician is chief of its staff, and the Balm of Gilead proves to be a specific for the cure of that family disease of the Adamic race—sin. Those who demand material returns and ocular proof will find no object appealing to the benevolent that will yield so certain and so objective dividends for their gifts. While we lamented that the filial obligations of Mrs. Wilson called for her resignation, our mourning was turned into joy when it was known that the services of Miss Hannah M. Pierce, of Delaware, Ohio, had been secured as Superintendent.

We recommend that collections be taken in every charge, and auxiliaries organized for the furnishing of supplies. Our ministers should, when preaching on systematic beneficence, make specific applications, unfolding the objects and necessities of this great institute of charity.

We recommend the reappointment of the Rev. H. C. Weakley as Corresponding Secretary and Field Representative of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association, and express our appreciation of the intelligent and effective work he has already achieved, and will welcome him to our pulpits and charges as an accredited representative of the Church to promote this greatest benignity of the denomination.

We recommend the continuance of the existing Board of Control, namely: Revs. J. F. Marlay, M. M. Kugler, H. C. Weakley, Mrs. Bishop Walden, Mrs. Dr. T. H. Pearne, Mrs. W. B. Shattuc, Hon. H. Elliott, Gen. B. R. Cowen, and J. N. Gamble.

HOWARD HENDERSON, *Chairman.*

DAVIS W. CLARK, C. W. BARNES,

D. LEE AULTMAN, A. D. MADDOX,

JAMES MURRAY, S. W. CAMPBELL.

EDUCATION.

OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

WE have heard with gratitude of the unprecedented attendance of last year. The enrollment of 1,271 students was one hundred more than the highest preceding enrollment in the history of the university.

The successful completion of University Hall and Gray Chapel is an occasion of profound thankfulness. This magnificent structure, erected at a cost of \$176,000, is the finest addition to the material equipment of the University secured in a generation. Gray Chapel is the largest and finest College Chapel in the world, and one of the finest auditoriums in Methodism. In addition to the chapel, University Hall contains offices, lecture-rooms, a ladies' parlor, society halls, and nine large recitation-rooms. Upon the whole, this is the finest college-building in Ohio, and one of the best in America. The pledges of the full amount required to pay for the building, made in the face of the financial crisis, was the strongest proof yet furnished of the hold which the University has upon our people.

In the new strength added to the Faculty in the recent election of Professors E. G. Conklin, R. T. Stevenson, W. G. Hormell, and Chas. D. Rhodes, we recognize the wisdom of the Trustees in strengthening the hands of those who have struggled so heroically to maintain a standard equal to that of any American College, and are furnishing to thousands of our young people, whose faces are turned toward Delaware, the assurance of the best possible training for the years to come.

We rejoice in the religious influences which have characterized the history of the University from the beginning, and which were never more marked than at the present time. We are especially grateful for the presence of the missionary spirit which has led more students from this University to foreign fields than from any other college in Methodism, and we pray that the Holy Spirit may especially attend the five graduates who are soon to set sail to carry the unsearchable riches of Christ to those beyond the seas.

In conclusion we express the hope that the Semi-centennial of the University, which will be celebrated in June, 1894, will be marked by the consecration of large gifts to the University, and by great displays of Divine power. With the largest number in its college classes of any college in Methodism, with a larger number of students upon its grounds than any other University in our Church, with a tenth of all the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church within one hundred and fifty miles of its doors, the Ohio Wesleyan University has the opportunity of becoming the leading Methodist college in the world. Unless Ohio Methodism meets this magnificent opportunity with equally magnificent endowments, it will soon pass away, never to come again within our reach. To meet the opening possibilities of the twentieth century, the University needs \$1,000,000. The time has come for the Cincinnati Conference to join the other patronizing Conferences in a forward movement on education.

Your Committee, therefore, recommends that the Cincinnati Conference aid in celebrating the coming Semi-centennial by attempting to complete our pledges as a Conference to University Hall and to the Cincinnati Conference professorship. To this end we will observe, as far as practicable, a University-day some time during the Conference year, in which the interests of higher education, and especially of the Ohio Wesleyan University and the American University, shall be presented to our people.

We will continue the payment of our Children's-day collection to the Board of Education of New York, and of the General Educational collection to Delaware to meet first our pledge to University Hall, and next

our endowment of the Cincinnati Conference professorship. We will continue to seek for individual gifts and bequests until we at least reach the endowment of the professorship already pledged.

We desire to express our appreciation of the excellent work accomplished during the past year by the President of the University, Dr. Bashford; and we pledge him our hearty co-operation for the future. The large number of students, the superior discipline maintained, the profound religious interest which prevailed throughout the year, the successful completion of the new building, and the full payment of the cost of construction in spite of the financial stringency, are all causes for profound rejoicing, and evidences of the efficiency of the President, Faculty, and Trustees.

We recommend the election of Phineas P. Mast to succeed himself as Trustee for the ensuing five years.

We recommend the appointment of M. J. Cramer and D. Lee Aultman as Visitors.

SCHOOLS OF THEOLOGY.

The demand for special theological training on the part of the pastor becomes more urgent with every year. To candidates for the ministry who have pursued proper courses of general study, we commend attendance at one of our theological schools for a period of at least three years. But we reaffirm the opinion expressed by the Conference last year, that if one can not pursue both a college and theological course, the former should be taken even at the loss of the latter. For the highest usefulness in the varied work of the ministry thorough intellectual culture and high scholastic attainments are increasingly necessary.

We rejoice that our theological institutions are better than ever meeting the high demands for improved and advanced scholarship in those trained within their walls. They thereby prepare our young men to cope with the new forms of error which skepticism assumes, and to avail themselves of whatever is true in changing or advancing research and thought. But we also rejoice in the steady purpose in these institutions to give practical training for the future work of a pastoral charge, and, above all, in the evidences we see of the effort so generally successful to deepen intelligent and humble piety among the students.

We recommend the appointment of the following Visitors: To Boston, J. F. Marlay, A. Lowrey, and E. S. Lewis; to Drew, C. W. Rishell and G. V. Morris; to Garrett, W. L. Hypes, F. G. Mitchell, and C. L. Conger; to DePauw, H. C. Weakley and V. F. Brown.

THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY.

The providential origin of this project puts the Methodist stamp upon this new and most important movement. The measure impresses both its magnitude and importance upon all thoughtful and intelligent minds. Its growth is slow. So was that of Oxford. Great growths are usually slow. The necessity for such an institution is too apparent for doubt. The General Conference emphasized its urgent need in adopting the fact and the plan of its existence and upbuilding. They display the truest wisdom in prescribing a minimum limit of five millions for its beginning, and ten millions for its full equipment and development. The accessories it will have, furnished without cost by the Government in Washington, will swell its available facilities to the value of many millions. If the purses of Methodist ministers were as large as their sense and their faith, they alone would start this grand movement within a decade. The wealth of Methodism will not let it fail. Already the Methodist preachers have raised fifty-four thousand of the hundred thousand dollars needed for the Asbury Memorial Hall. It is not unlikely that within three years three elegant edifices will be erected upon the capacious and beautiful campus secured. The utmost diligence should be given to the raising of the necessary means for establishing this stupendous charity. That we are pledged to other great educational and charitable objects should not be

pleaded as a reason for neglecting this transcendent and magnificent opportunity.

We renew the pledge made at our last Conference to stand by Bishop Hurst, and the Trustees behind him, in carrying to success the American University. We will preach on the subject, and take collections for it in all our charges, as provided by the action of the General Conference. We will seek to secure large gifts from our wealthy members, and smaller offerings from all our members. We will not cease to pray for it and work for it until the institution is in full tide of triumphant success.

THE BALTIMORE WOMAN'S COLLEGE.

We congratulate the Methodist Episcopal Church that there is open to its daughters a school of highest grade, where a varied Faculty give as thorough instruction as can be secured in any college for men or women. It is located in Baltimore, a Methodist center of culture. Specialists of university training are in charge of all departments, with the best possible conditions making for the health, refinement, and general interests of the pupils. Special attention is given to physical training and Bible instruction. Here the best advantages are offered for a moderate price, \$300 meeting all necessary expenses for a school year. We recommend, as Visitors, T. H. Pearne and John Pearson.

CINCINNATI WESLEYAN COLLEGE.

We deeply sympathize with the Trustees in their effort to discharge the debts, and to maintain this old College for women in Cincinnati. We commend it to the co-operation of the Methodists in and about Cincinnati, and hope that the Trustees, thus encouraged and re-enforced, will, as soon as the present financial conditions change for the better, make adequate effort to lift the debt. At the request of the Trustees of the College, we recommend the appointment of a Committee to continue through this year, to confer with the Trustees in devising some practical plan for a closer co-operation of the Conference in the administration of the College on a basis that will satisfy existing rights, and not involve the Conference in any financial obligation. We suggest the following names for the proposed Committee: T. H. Pearne, J. P. Porter, E. S. Lewis, S. O. Royal, A. U. Beall, A. Bowers, C. W. Rishell, W. A. Robinson, F. G. Mitchell.

HILLSBORO COLLEGE.

Inasmuch as a number of persons have sought, by process of law, to convert this institution to their own private use, and have been defeated in all their efforts to do so, and as a flourishing school has been sustained for the last three years, and is still kept up, we recommend that, in order to still further guard its interests, the following Trustees be appointed for the ensuing year: Jacob Saylor, James Reece, Wm. Hoyt, J. L. West, W. C. Duckwall, Geo. W. Barriere, presiding elder Hillsboro District, pastor Methodist Episcopal Church, Hillsboro.

SPRINGFIELD FEMALE COLLEGE AND HIGH-SCHOOL.

The President of the Conference Trustees of the Springfield College and High-school reports: "The status of the College is about the same as at last report. During the year the Directors of the Springfield Seminary, now occupying the college-building, brought suit against the Board of Trustees for a portion of the McFadden Fund, for payment of alleged betterments upon the college-building. The case was submitted to Judge Horace L. Smith, of Xenia, Ohio. Upon demurrer to the petition of complainants, the judge decided against the complainants, and in favor of the Board of Conference Trustees. Upon appeal to the Circuit Court, after a full hearing, the decision of Judge Smith was reaffirmed. The case now rests in that relation."

We recommend the election of the following persons to serve three

years as Trustees: E. G. Dial, S. D. Clayton, C. A. Reeser, C. W. Barnes, P. C. Curnick, G. W. Dubois.

The full Board as now constituted is as follows: Term to expire 1894—Rob. Johnson, J. S. Shewalter, J. K. Mowrer, J. W. R. Cline, E. J. Wells, T. H. Pearne.

Term to expire in 1895—P. P. Mast, H. S. Showers, W. R. Warnock, A. H. Lucas, J. F. Marlay, Wm. Runyan, F. G. Mitchell.

Term to expire in 1896—E. G. Dial, C. A. Reeser, S. D. Clayton, P. C. Curnick, C. W. Barnes, G. W. Dubois.

EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION.

The Educational Commission, appointed by your body last year, have not been able to effect the purpose of their appointment. We recommend their reappointment. It is hoped that they will be more successful in securing the objects sought; namely, to consider the relations and obligations of the Cincinnati Conference, and the several educational institutions within its bounds, and to take such action as will relieve the Conference of all further financial obligation to, or connection, if any, with all these except the Ohio Wesleyan University, and secure to this Conference such equities as we are entitled to.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The last General Conference made plain the Disciplinary provision for Children's-day, and for other educational objects—the latter being distinct from the former. This is the Disciplinary law on the subject of Children's-day: "It shall be the duty of every pastor to observe the second Sunday in June, or other such Sunday as may be more convenient, as Children's-day, and upon that day, as part of the service, he shall take a collection to be devoted to the Sunday-school Children's Fund. The pastor in charge shall forward the collection aforesaid directly to the Secretary of the Board of Education, and report the same to his Annual Conference under the head of 'Children's Fund,' and all educational money, except the Children's Fund, shall be reported to the Annual Conference under the head of 'Other Educational Objects.'"

The general educational collection is thus prescribed: "It shall be the duty of the preacher in charge of a circuit or station to take one public collection annually in each society in aid of the work of education. The money so received shall be paid over to such auxiliary of the Board of Education as the Annual Conference may direct; or, in the absence of Annual Conference action, to the Treasurer of the Parent Board."

C. W. RISHELL, *Secretary*.

T. H. PEARNE, *Chairman*.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

THE Methodist Church, with its Bible doctrine, its emphatic experience, and aggressive polity, has found a new and multiplied agency for good in the Epworth League. Seven hundred and fifty thousand young people in 11,000 Churches, beside 1,900 Junior Leagues, presents an army of magnificent possibilities.

We commend the fraternal spirit that the League has shown to the Christian Endeavor Society and other young people's organizations in other Churches, and trust that all caution be used by those out of official position, and especially those in, that no reflection be cast upon other Churches.

The time has come for Methodism to set forth more clearly than heretofore her doctrine in regard to the baptized children, confessing in act and fact, as well as in theory, to the belief that baptized children are probationers in the Church, and then utilizing the Junior League as a

training-school for the Church. Let the Churches organize the Epworth Guards, drill them in military tactics, and thus gain opportunity to drill them in catechetical work. There should also be a test of promotion from the Junior to the regular League, so that at from thirteen to fifteen, with the ordinary qualifications of one at that age, a transfer could be naturally effected.

We recommend also that the Church not only look with favor upon the work of the League, but that the Official Boards provide, as far as possible, needed comforts, in place and equipment, for the prosecution of League-work.

We commend the unity now existing between the Church and the League, and call fresh attention of the Official Boards to the fact that, though they are not officious boards in League government, yet they are *official*, having just supervision.

We feel it but right to say, in view of occasional opposition by some pastors to the League, that it is a part of a pastor's duty to be personally identified with every department of the work, and, in fact, be officially a part of the League. We deprecate any lack of interest in the Epworth League in any one of our pastors.

We commend the Conference organization, and heartily indorse the plan of Epworth League rallies at our Annual Conference sessions and at the camp-meetings; also the District Conventions, as the natural rallying-centers; and approve the plan of sub-district meetings, where three or four Chapters unite for discussion.

We commend, also, the plan of distributing the Cabinet positions among laymen as well as ministers, neither excluding the other, thus securing the fullest co-operation and counsel of all.

We would call attention to the *Epworth Herald* as worthy the most loyal patronage of all our young people.

We urge also the employment of our preachers in addressing the Leagues at home and away, so as to afford proper and profitable entertainment for our young people.

We especially recommend that the forces of the League be utilized by the pastors, as far as possible, as revival agencies. Let the idea be ever in mind that the chief work of the Epworth League is to win souls for Christ.

F. G. MITCHELL, *Secretary*.

C. M. VAN PELT,

GEO. K. MORRIS,

H. D. KETCHAM, *Chairman*.

M. E. KETCHAM,

L. F. YOUNG,

J. L. SHIVELY.

FINANCE.

YOUR Committee would emphasize the importance of the proper conception on the part of the Church of her obligation to contribute to the cause of God according to the measure of entire consecration; which measure is "as the Lord hath prospered."

We are glad to believe that the present is the most benevolent age that the Church of God has ever seen; yet it is true that many members of the Church do not answer to their obligations.

In order to arouse the membership to an increased devotion in the support of the gospel and the various benevolent societies of the Church, we recommend the following:

1. That each pastor preach at least once a year on the gospel standard of giving, and on the obligation of all members of the Church to fulfill the vows they made touching this matter when received into full connection.

2. That we urge the carrying out of the Disciplinary plan for the

raising of Church finances; and, as a great help to this attainment, we commend to a consideration of our Official Boards the Reynolds System.

3. That we recommend to our charges that they secure pledges from their people before the close of each Conference year, for the expenses of the year to come.

4. That we recommend that pledges be taken for weekly payment by envelope, thus giving all a chance to contribute by small as well as large donations.

5. That we urge our people to so cultivate their sense of moral obligation to provide for a liberal support of the Church and all her great movements, that their promises to the Church may soon be regarded as the most sacred of all financial obligations.

F. M. CLEMANS, *Secretary*.
J. VERITY,

E. MCHUGH, *Chairman*.
W. F. SPURRIER.

FREEDMEN'S AID.

THE Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society has, during the past year, achieved great success in every department of its work. God's favor has rested upon the managers of the Society, its officers, its schools, and its pupils. Nearly every one of its institutions has been favored with a precious revival of religion, and many of the students have been brought to Christ, and have consecrated themselves to lives of usefulness. Improved by thorough training in the regular course of study, in the industries, and enriched by the grace of God, many have gone from our schools to engage in their life-work of aiding in the elevation of their race. Ministers, teachers, physicians, and mechanics, of a greatly improved character upon those of former days, have gone from our schools to all parts of the South, and wonderful results have everywhere followed. This improvement can not fail to be recognized by those familiar with the South. It is seen in their homes, in their houses of worship, in their places of toil, and in all the transactions of life. We have no hesitation in declaring, from the reports of tourists, from those of our Secretaries, teachers, and visitors, that no greater nor better work has been done by our Church within the past quarter of a century, at an equal expenditure of funds, than has been accomplished by this Society among the colored population. History furnishes no example of a people making greater progress, in all the elements of civilization, than the colored people have made since emancipation. But the work has but just been commenced. Only a good beginning has been made, and it must be prosecuted with greater earnestness and vigor. The number educated scarcely keeps pace with the increase of this population. We must attempt to do for all sections of the South what we have already done for those favored localities in which we have established institutions of learning. Not till then may we think of relaxing our efforts or allowing any decrease in our collections for this cause.

The safety of the Nation, the prosperity of the Church of the living God, and the salvation of these millions of neglected souls demand more prayer, more money, greater consecration, and greater enthusiasm in this grand work.

We urge every pastor in the Conference to present the claims of this enterprise to his congregation, and take a collection in its behalf.

The Cincinnati Conference, last year, raised for this cause \$5,750, this year \$5,345, making a decrease this year of \$405. The amount appropriated for next year to this Conference is \$6,400.

The following resolutions are submitted for adoption:

1. *Resolved*, That the apportionment to this Conference of \$6,400 be accepted, and we will put forth our best efforts to raise it, and we hereby instruct our presiding elders to apportion this amount among the several charges.

2. That we commend the *Christian Educator* to the liberal patronage of our people. This periodical will contain the most complete and valuable information of our educational work in the South, and will discuss such questions as are vital to the prosperity and advancement of our Church in that section of the country.

R. S. RUST, *Chairman*.

D. LEE AULTMAN, *Secretary*.

LABOR.

1. We heartily sympathize with all aspirations among the toiling American classes for a more prosperous life; for better pay for honest labor, making possible better homes, more comforts, more rest, and better education for themselves and their children. We heartily wish them rapid progress toward the gratification of their desire, and will continue to do all we can to help them by spreading the principles of that gospel of Christ whose teachings secure happiness and prosperity wherever accepted.

2. We commend all lawful efforts to secure such economic changes as may be necessary.

3. We condemn all unlawful measures to bring about even the most righteous ends, and advise all our people everywhere to have no fellowship with those who resort to oppressive and cruel measures. Let all good citizens use all their influence to hold their fellow-workingmen in line with the eternal principles of righteousness and justice.

4. We call upon all who employ labor to study the examples of those who have sought, by profit-sharing and other methods, to meet the fair demands of those who serve them for a more equitable proportion of the wealth resulting from labor and ability.

5. We recommend arbitration, under wise statutory provisions, whenever difficulties arise between employers and employed.

6. *Resolved*, That, while we regard the unrestricted immigration of the impoverished labor-class from lands beyond the seas as working serious embarrassments to toilers in this country, nevertheless we deprecate the passage of the Geary Law, which, by unrighteous discrimination against the Chinese, and by violation of solemn treaty obligations, has brought a stigma upon our Republic, and deserves the reprobation of all well-disposed people.

GEO. K. MORRIS,	A. U. BEALL,	A. H. LUCAS,
D. J. STARR,	J. P. PORTER,	HOWARD HENDERSON,
S. MCCHESENEY,	C. W. BARNES,	PAUL C. CURNICK.
D. D. CHENEY,		

LAKESIDE.

THE financial burden resting on the Lakeside Association, which has imperiled its existence, has been partially met. The subscriptions secured are conditioned on the entire amount being paid. Until this is done, the danger-line is not *passed*.

Resolved, That the Cincinnati Conference extends to the Association its congratulations upon the hopeful outlook, and its pleasure at the management of the Lakeside meetings.

We heartily commend this enterprise to the sympathy and patronage of our people.

In accord with the request of the Lakeside Association, we hereby consent to reduce the number of Trustees of that Association to four from each Conference, and, in pursuance thereof, declare the office of the present Trustees vacant. Furthermore, we hereby appoint, for one year, R. H. Rust, P. P. Mast; for two years, J. Pearson, W. A. Gamble.

R. H. RUST, *Chairman*.
H. W. BAILEY.

MISSIONS.

WITHIN the memory of many living, the Church on bended knee was asking God to open closed doors, that emissaries might enter, and that his Word might run and have free course that the nations might be saved. A little later, the last barrier in the lands themselves having been removed, the prayer was that young men and women might be fired with missionary zeal, and consecrate their lives and labors to the work of the Master in foreign fields. The applicants for such appointments have increased in number till the necessities of the workers have exceeded the resources of the treasury, and now the question has almost assumed this aspect, viz.: not, Can the heathen be saved without the gospel? but, Can the Church at home be saved if it does not send the gospel? Just as a waning desire for the salvation of those about an individual Christian is the sure index of declining spiritual life, so when the missionary spirit is decreasing in the Church, the piety of that Church is dying out.

In Methodism, if the contributions to missions be taken as a standard by which to measure piety, we may indeed congratulate the Church on deepening devotion to her Lord.

At the organization of the Cincinnati Conference, the average per member of the Church, for all the benevolences, was 30 cents. Last year—1892—the average was \$1.13. We thank God and take courage. The success of our mission-work fills us with enthusiasm. Never has the Church received such returns for the expenditure of means and labor as in these last years. In some of our fields the harvesters overtake the sowers, and growth like that immediately following the day of Pentecost gladdens our vision and our hearts.

We commend the administration of our Board of Missions, and the wisdom and indefatigable labors of our Missionary Secretaries. Our prayers accompany our esteemed and beloved Dr. Leonard as he, journeying westward, finds not the end of the earth nor the end of our missions, which, like a girdle of salvation, belt this world. We anticipate great good to the cause of missions as a result of the keen inspection and discreet advice of our brother.

We respectfully suggest to our pastors that they, as far as practicable, seek out and supply outlying or destitute or neglected places in the cities and towns within the boundaries of this Conference, and that especial attention be given to this matter in rural districts.

We, as a Conference, renew our individual pledge to co-operate cordially with the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, endeavoring, in the future as in the past, to meet or exceed our respective apportionments. We will preach, or cause to be preached, missionary sermons, organize the Sunday-schools into missionary societies, scatter missionary literature, and, in short, by all commendable means, seek to "hasten the coming of the Lord Jesus" to make his kingdom on earth as his kingdom in heaven.

SYLVESTER WEEKS, *Chairman*.

D. C. VANCE, *Secretary*.

J. A. WINKLER,

J. S. WHITNEY,

H. W. BAILEY.

PARSONAGES.

At the last session of the Conference there were one hundred and twelve parsonages. At this session there are one hundred and nineteen—an increase of seven.

We recommend that the pastors encourage the building of a parsonage in each charge where there is none, and also that they encourage the furnishing with at least heavy furniture.

J. H. McNARY, *Chairman*.

PERIODICALS.

WE, your Committee on Periodicals and Book Concern Accounts, beg leave to report:

1. That we most earnestly recommend to our people the literature of our own publishing-house, especially our own *Western Christian Advocate*, that, under the editorial management of the brilliant and versatile D. H. Moore, D. D., holds a first place in the ranks of religious journalism.

2. We cordially indorse our *Epworth Herald* as worthy the patronage of all our young people, and urge all who can to secure its weekly visits to their homes.

3. We commend the successful administration of our Book Concern, that has so signally aided our Conferences in meeting the claims of our superannuated ministers, and especially do we recognize with gratitude the large dividend to our own Conference this year.

4. We, as pastors, will do our utmost to aid in the larger circulation of our periodicals, and the publications of our own denominational press.

C. L. CONGER, *Secretary*.

J. W. PETERS, *Chairman*.

A. N. SPAHR,

H. HERSHEY.

I. E. PRICE,

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

THE danger-line of our American Sabbath is found in the let-down of the conviction that it is by right a question of law. There can be no danger to the Christian Sabbath; it is of God, and the day and the institution are one and inseparable. And while there are Christian men and women in the earth, the holy day will be kept for God. But as a civil regulation that enforces Sabbath-keeping in the interests of religion and morality, there is great peril.

There can be no question that there is a growing sentiment that this Sabbath question belongs exclusively to the Church, and as such ought to be settled, as all other purely Christian obligations are, between the individual conscience and God. We are jealous of any encroachment on the freedom of the citizen and of the individual conscience; and we need be, in the presence of atheistic secularism on the one hand, and that deadlier foe, the Roman Catholic Church, on the other.

Great men of God, leaders in the Church, are reviewing with doubt and misgiving the doctrine of those who made us a nation, and shaped our earlier history, in the enactment of Sabbath laws, and in the decisions of the courts enforcing the authority of the State to hold open door for the Church to Christianize the citizen. This doctrine is in peril to-day. Its right to be respected is questioned. The un-American and treacherous disregard of accepted legal restraint imposed by the National Congress, with the added contempt of the faith of the Churches, by the Directors of the Columbian Exposition, has been rebuked by the utter breakdown of their purpose. For this we thank God and take courage. But is it not ominous that this victory can not be attributed so much to the conviction of the rightness of a civil Sabbath with the masses as to the uselessness of Sabbath attendance, except for the hideous things of the Plaisance? We concede that that which made this breakdown was respect for law and conscience, truth and God, that lies back of all law and petitions—"that power behind the throne." Our American Sabbath stands or falls with this right and duty of the Government, expressed in the Ordinance of 1787, setting apart what was then known as the great Northwestern Territory to freedom, in which it was commanded that religion, morality, and education should be cherished and promoted by civil authority.

And also to the honor of our courts, State and National, be it said,

that the right of the State to foster by law the Christian religion has been maintained down to the last utterance of the Supreme Court of the United States, that this is a Christian Nation; and in these resolutions and decisions the term religion is to be interpreted as the Christian religion. This is being questioned as antagonistic to the attitude of the State to the Church. The denial of the authority of the State to make the Christian Sabbath the day of the civil Sabbath, is to remove the very foundations of morality and religion; for our whole system of Christian ethics and of worship depends upon the sanctity of this day.

Legislation and its administration through the courts keep holy-day, and even the validity of contracts waives its high claim to the authority of the civil Sabbath. In the presence of this alien and spurious interpretation of the right of the State to make and keep inviolate the conditions of pure morality and religion, we affirm, and, as far as lieth in us, will maintain by voice and vote, our historic Christian Sabbath. We deplore the greed of gain that makes the Sabbath a day for travel and traffic—a haughty and corrupting power that treated with contempt the Christian patriotism that would compel the Columbian Exposition to close its gates on the Sabbath-day. We repudiate as unchristian and vicious the course of those Camp-meeting Associations that arrange for Sabbath excursion trains, thus compounding with the railroads for the spoils of an unholy coalition.

We would lay with emphasis upon the conscience of both minister and member alike, this Sabbath trust for Church and State that God, in his providence and by his Word, puts upon us to-day. There can neither be permanency nor prosperity in the State without religion, and there can be neither worship nor religion without the Christian Sabbath.

A. U. BEALL, *Secretary.*

W. I. FEE, *Chairman.*

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

1. THE Church is of divine origin. To it are intrusted the oracles of God. It is the voice of God to the world, calling the people from darkness to light, from the bondage of sin to the liberty of the gospel. We are not surprised, therefore, to find many hindrances to its progress. The very elements that contribute to its success carry with them the liability to abnormal conditions, which require attention and correction. While we believe its ultimate victory is assured, we feel certain that a wise consideration of some phases of the work will materially hasten the day of its triumph. The Church of God holds a position in the earth that is unique and unattainable by human institutions. It is God's *holy place* in the temple of the universe. As a divinely organized body it possesses a sanctity not characteristic of other organizations. Civic societies, and the various organizations of a benevolent and social character, that are multiplied in the present day, whatever their virtues, are not to be compared with the Church in their power to bless humanity and elevate the individual. Our people should never allow these institutions to assume the place in their thought, time, or affections that can only properly be held by the Church.

2. The Church stands alone amid earthly institutions in its efforts to purify life and character. What a fatal mistake it is, then, to relax in any way its clearly defined principles of righteous life, or to compromise its clearest teachings of morality and ethics! The tide of worldliness that, with its popular amusements, so fascinates the young people, deludes them by its charms, and destroys their spirituality by its blighting touch, must be met at every point by an uncompromising spirit of fidelity to those principles of life that the Scriptures teach as essential to godliness. As a Church we may not deviate from the traditions of the fathers in regard to the principles that govern our social life, without losing our

power with God and man. Let us urge a kindly but constant and faithful protest against this paralyzing spirit that threatens to invade our Churches in some sections.

3. The Church as God's agent in society can not be unmindful of its responsibility to humanity. This responsibility can not be delegated to societies that may be organized for special work. While we would not in any sense antagonize those agencies that are working so effectively in our midst, let us guard against any tendency to relinquish personal effort for the unsaved all around us. It is not enough to have a Deaconess Home in our midst, or to have Visiting Committees—glorious as is the work they are doing—but every member ought to be imbued with the Spirit of Christlike service that prompts the deaconess in her devotion. While we emphasize our responsibility to those afar, let us with redoubled diligence seek the salvation of those Providence has placed near us. Our truest effort is to place before the world souls filled with the Spirit of God. We seek, not to fence in a soul with rules and regulations, so that it will not wander into evil, but rather to so fill that soul with the spirit of truth and Godlike thought that it will instinctively seek the right way. Our noblest work is to give the world incarnations of God's truth.

4. The spirit of testimony to saving grace is an important factor in attaining the ends we desire. This spirit, so powerful in the days of our fathers, should never be allowed to die out of the Church. Let us cherish and emphasize it as one of our most effective means of aggressive work.

5. We congratulate the Church, that in its varied efforts for the salvation of the masses, there is a manifest tendency to return to the old time-tried methods so richly blessed in the early days of the Church, when pastor and people joined hands for aggressive effort. Said Mr. Finney: "There are three elements in every genuine revival—God's Spirit, God's Word, and God's Church." When the Church uses God's Word, and, seeking God's Spirit, arises to fulfill its divinely appointed mission, instead of depending on strangers with methods whose chief merit is their novelty, we believe the results are more permanent and satisfactory. While the spirituality of to-day may be less demonstrative than that of earlier days, we do not believe it to be less real or less powerful.

6. We recommend a more careful discrimination in the matter of pulpit notices. The pastor should not feel compelled to advertise the many and varied societies, and outside interests that seek his aid in heralding their charms.

7. The Church militant must watch the encroachments of Rome in our midst with jealous eye. We concede freely the right of the Romanist to worship God in the form he chooses, but we must ever denounce his allegiance to a would-be temporal power that antagonizes every fundamental principle of our Government. Let us not be deceived by a change of front in regard to the public-school question and other questions of vital interest. The spirit and purpose of Rome has not changed. The designs of Romanism are deep, and artfully hidden from the careless observer. Controlled by a priesthood that is historic for its unequalled devotion and cunning, this Church, by its numbers, its perfect organization, and its unscrupulous methods, becomes a constant menace to all we hold most sacred in Church and country.

8. Finally, that the Church may accomplish its best work, we must not fail to emphasize the divine appointment of the ministry. We would not urge this recognition in any superstition of orders or apostolic succession, but in the sense that God has divinely instituted the ministry, and will divinely help that ministry in its work. The ministry is a *calling of God*, and should not be classed as a mere profession. The honor God has placed upon this office should never be forgotten. The Church should insist upon the dignity of the pastorate as the highest calling God bestows upon man.

M. E. KETCHAM, *Secretary*.
ADAM BOWERS,
J. P. SHULTZ,
JAS. MURRAY,

C. W. RISHELL, *Chairman*.
GEO. DUBOIS,
E. MCHUGH.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

YOUR Committee on Sunday-schools beg leave to report as follows :

1. That it is with pleasure we note the rapid growth and increased efficiency of this wonderful agency for good, and gratefully acknowledge the goodness of God in an increase of about fourteen new schools in the connection each week of the past year. Encouraging as these figures are, we are persuaded that we can do much more if all our people will give it their hearty support. Therefore we urge upon all the importance of a co-operation with the Sunday-school workers throughout the Church.

2. The growing tendency of all our Sunday-schools to use supplies furnished by our Church is gratifying; yet we fear that, in some schools, these helps are substituted for the Bible; and to this end we recommend that teachers and parents be urged to require their children to study the lessons at home during the week, and that both teacher and scholar use the Bible, and not merely the lesson-helps, during the class recitations.

3. Inasmuch as the religious education of the young is of vast importance, that great care should be exercised in the selection of teachers, and that the pastor and superintendent unite in choosing for teachers the best men and women—those who are earnest in their spiritual experience, intelligent in mind, apt to teach, and godly in their lives.

4. We commend the catechetical instruction printed with each lesson in our Sunday-school Quarterly, and urge that it be faithfully taught.

5. That the preachers present more clearly to the Sunday-school, as well as to the Church, the amount necessary to carry on the Sunday-school Union; and we hereby recommend that the Conference apportionment of \$1,300 be approved by the Conference, apportioned by the presiding elders *pro rata* among the charges, and raised during the year.

O. D. BECKER, *Secretary.*

J. J. McCABE, *Chairman.*

J. E. ABRAMS,

CHAS. HARTLEY,

S. W. CAREY,

L. O. DEPUTY.

W. N. WEST,

TEMPERANCE.

THE question of the hour is not, Is the liquor-traffic iniquitous and infamous? This is conceded on all hands. That it is the abounding source of blight and sorrow, none will deny. The burning question now is, how to have done with it forever, and to rid the land of this curse; how to create, intensify, and perpetuate sentiment against it—a sentiment that will, without waiting long, culminate in its utter overthrow.

While we believe the battle is on, never to end until it ends in victory, we must not for a moment forget that it is no child's-play, no dress-parade. We have to meet and fight a foe, wily, sleepless, unscrupulous to the last degree; a foe ready to press into his service of death the bullet, the dagger, the torch of the incendiary. The liquor-traffic is thoroughly organized, intrenched behind money without stint, appealing to the worst passions of men; promising wealth, pleasure, power, political preferment as its largess to those who abet it in its career of blood. And, worst of all, its unhallowed feet seek to trench on the sanctuary itself, and, indirectly at least, to hold the lash over the minister of God, and, under various specious pleas, impose guilty silence on lips that are pledged, by all that is sacred, to speak out, fearless of men or devils, for truth and righteousness.

While we commend the secular press for many things—for its ability and industry in gathering up the thought of the time and the events of

many lands and presenting them in seemly and entertaining form—we must take serious exception to its truckling spirit towards this evil, and for shamelessly flaunting its advertisements, under attractive and enticing guise, of the most deadly intoxicants; and we regret that a secular paper of recent origin, and from which, for the sake of our homes, we fondly hoped for better things, is not wholly free from censure.

The liquor-traffic is borne forward in its career of death on the crest of the wave of an enthusiasm that never wanes. With the sound of battle in our ears; with a vision of white-faced women before our eyes, on whose livid lips trembles the prayer, "How long, O Lord, how long!" with broken men before us, "pleading like lost spirits for deliverance;" with blighted homes, stretching away in awful and endless vista—for Christian men to be indifferent and apathetic, rises into a sin against God and man.

Instructed by the lesson of all history, as well as by the Word of God, we must insist that moral issues are of paramount moment in a nation's life to all others. In this time of stringency and commercial disaster, when great economic questions are in the air, and the public mind agonizes for their settlement, we must not for a moment forget that our Nation's weal hinges more on the settlement of an issue involving the annual worse than waste of \$900,000,000, and the sending, every year, of 100,000 men to a drunkard's grave, than whether we shall have bimetalism or monometalism, or high or low tariff.

We commend again to your consideration the utterances of the last General Conference on this subject, when it says: "We recommend all members of the Methodist Episcopal Church who enjoy the elective franchise to so use that solemn trust as to promote the rescue of our country from the guilt and dishonor which have been brought upon it by criminal complicity with the liquor-traffic."

We do not presume to dictate the political conduct of our people, but we do record our deliberate judgment that no political party has a right to expect, nor ought it to receive, the support of Christian men so long as it stands committed to the license policy or refuses to put itself on record in an attitude of open hostility to the saloon.

We recommend the formation of temperance leagues in all the Churches, according to the plan suggested by the Committee *ad interim* of the General Conference. The necessary blanks for these leagues can be had by sending twenty-five cents to Dr. Kynett, No. 926 Arch Street, Philadelphia. We also recommend the alliance of our Churches with other Churches which have similar leagues. Though our votes fall soft as snowflakes, let them smite like lightning this source of many woes. Then, one day, this Waterloo will have its ditch of Ohain, and the victory will be won.

JAS. MURRAY, <i>Secretary.</i>	T. H. PEARNE, <i>Chairman.</i>
HENRY WITHAM,	A. BOWERS,
W. G. WARNER,	PHILIP TROUT,
E. H. CHERINGTON,	S. B. RICKETTS.

TRACT CAUSE.

THE Tract Committee, in this report, desires to call the attention of the Conference to the following facts:

The Tract Society is an inexpensive means of disseminating the truth; as a means, it is well adapted to the end desired; it is convenient and easy of circulation. As brevity will likely induce its reading, the tract commands a vast assortment of brief literature.

The Tract Society gives from six to seven thousand dollars every year to the aid of missions. We would call attention to the fact that the entire Church is asked to contribute fifty thousand dollars, and that this Conference is asked to give thirteen hundred dollars. Last year there were twenty-three charges that took no collection for this cause.

That more interest be given to the cause, we recommend that the amount apportioned to this Conference be apportioned by the presiding elders *pro rata* among the charges, and that it be raised during the coming year.

B. D. HYPES, *Chairman*.

A. G. NEWTON, *Secretary*.

WORLD'S CONGRESS.

YOUR Committee on the World's Congress Auxiliary of the World's Columbian Exposition, to be held in the Memorial Art Palace, at Chicago, October 8th to 15th, 1893, beg leave to report as follows:

First. We consider the subjects to be discussed in said Congress, and falling under four general divisions, to be worthy of the attention of the Church in her efforts to evangelize the world. They are as follows:

I. CHRISTIAN LIBERTY.—The Evangelical Alliance has ever contended for liberty of conscience, and has rendered important service in its behalf in many lands. Papers will be presented on the Present Condition of Religious Liberty throughout the World, Religious Liberty and the State, and Religious Liberty and the Progress of Mankind.

II. THE RELIGIOUS CONDITION OF PROTESTANT CHRISTENDOM.—The papers of this division will not attempt statistical presentation, but rather discuss the existing currents of religious thought and life in Europe, America, and Australia.

III. CHRISTIAN UNION AND CO-OPERATION.—These were the germinal ideas of the Evangelical Alliance. Their present prominence in Christian thought will lend exceptional interest to their discussion. There will be addresses on Organic Union, Its Reasons and Prospects; Denominational Federation, and the Necessity of Co-operation.

IV. THE CHURCH AND SOCIOLOGICAL PROBLEMS.—This Congress will have been preceded by many denominational Church Congresses, showing how great and varied are the resources of the Christian Church in the United States, also by Congresses presenting the many and great social and industrial problems of modern civilization. It will be a peculiar province of this Conference to point out the relations of the one to the other, to show how the resources of the Churches may be applied to the solution of these problems, and to emphasize the necessity of united action on the part of the Churches in order to the accomplishment of their evangelic and social mission.

Secondly. We shall feel honored, as one of the representative religious bodies of the country, to be permitted to share in the discussions of these great questions which interest humanity and the world.

Third. Such an opportunity will not occur again for a hundred years, and therefore ought not to be regarded lightly by the Christian Church.

Fourth, and lastly. As we have been asked to send as many delegates to said Congress as we desire, therefore,

Resolved, That we will, as a Conference, indorse as many of our brethren as desire to visit Chicago at that time, as such delegates, and ask the Secretary of our Conference to certify to that fact.

A. BOWERS, *Secretary*. T. H. PEARNE, *Chairman*.

R. K. DEEM.

VII.

MISCELLANY.

ABSTRACT OF THE MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CINCINNATI CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Receipts for the Year ending August 30, 1893.

Invested funds,	\$6,400 00
Interest of Little Miami Railroad bond of \$1,500,	\$120 00
Interest on sundry notes,	319 50
Total,	\$439 50

In a suspended bank,	\$244 50
Recording two mortgages,	2 70
Traveling expenses of Treasurer,	6 00
Paid Board of Stewards of Cincinnati Conference,	186 30
Total,	\$439 50

The Board of Trustees at this date:

Ministers: Wm. L. Hypes, President; Sylvester Weeks, Secretary;
James T. Bail, Treasurer; Wm. Herr, John F. Loyd, Henry C. Weakley.
Layman: George Dial, of Springfield.

Attest: SYLVESTER WEEKS, *Secretary.*

TROY, OHIO, September 30, 1893.

THE JOHN MEARS BEQUEST.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES TO THE CINCINNATI CONFERENCE, AUGUST 31, 1893.

ASSETS.

1. United States four-per-cent Bonds,	\$300 00
2. City of Cincinnati Deficiency Bonds,	1,000 00
3. " " Consolidated Sinking Fund Bonds,	2,000 00
4. Real Estate Mortgage Note, J. H. Parrott,	1,500 00
5. " " " " M. A. Smith,	550 00
6. " " " " D. Purdy,	500 00
7. " " " " I. Claxton,	500 00
8. Cash,	1,400 00
Total Assets,	\$7,750 00

RECEIPTS.

1. Interest on Mortgages,	\$369 19
2. Interest on Bonds,	132 00
	\$401 19

DISBURSEMENTS.

1. Ohio Wesleyan University, per voucher attached,	\$67 19
2. Illinois Wesleyan University, per voucher attached,	67 20
3. Cincinnati Conference Claimants, per voucher attached,	134 40
4. Balance—Cash,	232 40
	<hr/> 401 19

We hereby certify that the above is a true and correct statement of the present condition of the John Mears Bequest.

THOMAS H. PEARNE,	} Trustees of The John Mears Bequest.
JNO. PEARSON,	
J. R. CLARK, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	

REPORT OF THE PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

YOUR Committee begs leave to submit the following report for Minute account of 1892:

The results of our labors are embodied in the volume of Minutes which has been placed in your hands. This speaks for itself. Though voted official, it is not infallible. But we trust that its mistakes are not serious in character.

On comparison with the work and prices of another publishing-house, which has very anxiously solicited our patronage, we have found the Book Concern of our Church more than satisfactory in every way.

The Treasurer's Books show the following condition of finances for the year 1892:

EXPENSES—Publishing,	\$478 48
For posting and express,	30 08
Of Publishing Committee,	20 38
Of Conference,	6 37
	<hr/> \$531 31

RECEIPTS—Advertisements (net),	\$297 54
Sale of Minutes,	153 45
Conference Stewards,	5 00
	<hr/> 455 99

Balance due, \$75 32

To pay this balance we have amounts due from preachers—

Good,	\$141 23
Less good,	30 45
Bad,	10 00
	<hr/> 181 68

Respectfully submitted.

S. O. ROYAL.

TROY, OHIO, September 2, 1893.

THE Committee appointed to audit Publishing Committee's account, upon investigation, find the account to be correct.

WM. MACAFEE,
W. H. WEHRLEY,
W. A. DEATON.

PREACHERS' RELIEF SOCIETY OF CINCINNATI ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

OFFICERS.

President—R. S. RUST.

Vice-President—J. T. BAIL.

Secretary—H. C. WEAKLEY.

Treasurer—THOMAS COLLETT.

Managers—William Herr, John G. Black, F. Leever, Wm. L. Hypes, D. L. Aultman, Thomas H. Pearne, J. S. Whitney, B. R. Cowen, Archer Brown, Charles A. Resor.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts from all Sources for the Year ending September 1, 1893.

From balance in treasury,	\$288 03
From membership fees,	68 00
From interest collected,	796 98
From notes matured and paid,	725 00

Total received, \$1,878 01

Disbursed during the Year ending September, 1893.

For relief as per orders and vouchers,	\$502 00
For taxes and expenses on real estate,	37 04
For stationery, postage, and travel,	13 00
For loans,	1,085 00
Balance remaining in treasury,	240 97

Total, \$1,878 01

Assets of the Society, September, 1893.

Secured notes at 6 per cent interest,	\$17,000 00
Real estate, valued at	3,600 00
Stock in Parrott Manufacturing Co.,	600 00
Interest due and collectible,	400 00
Non-interest bearing notes,	3,575 00
Cash in treasury,	240 97

Total assets, \$25,415 97

This Society has an average membership of sixty preachers of the Cincinnati Conference, who pay an annual fee of one dollar. The benevolent mission of this organization appeals for, and would justify, a much larger representation of interest from a Conference of nearly two hundred members. Any members of our Conference not having reported their membership fee, are hereby kindly desired to send the dollar to Secretary Weakley or the Treasurer, and have their names duly recorded upon the roll of members.

The Society is ready promptly to afford material relief in all cases of special need to the extent of its resources. Twenty such instances have received grateful responses to their applications during the past year, from whom appreciative and touching testimonials have been sent to the Board. All friends of the benevolent work of the Preachers' Relief Society are earnestly desired to consider and provide for it in their gifts and in formulating bequests, etc. Notes without interest, to be paid after decease, and funds bestowed upon the annuity plan, will be always acceptable, and will hereafter become available assets of the Society.

The annual running expenses of this organization are only incidental, and small, and its permanent fund is gradually increasing.

THOMAS COLLETT,

Financial Secretary and Treasurer.

Post-office address, Middletown, Ohio.

REPORT OF THE CINCINNATI CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

To the Cincinnati Conference:

The Cincinnati Church Extension Society has not appeared as extensively in the Church and secular papers as justice would warrant; but it has nevertheless enjoyed a steady growth, and has quietly taken a permanent place among the institutions of Cincinnati Methodism.

Let the record of contributions for its support during the past five years speak in substantiation of this statement. The paid subscriptions for the year ending September 1, 1889, were \$2,273.86; September 1, 1890, were \$4,517.98; September 1, 1891, were \$5,104.10; September 1, 1892, were \$7,066.99; September 1, 1893, were \$7,572.14.

Each successive year has shown a very material advance. The figures of 1893 show but a moderate gain, whereas in reality the Society made its greatest advance in the past year; but to understand it you must read between the lines the fact that the three largest subscribers of 1892 reduced their subscriptions in 1893 \$2,000. Take this into consideration, and you have the fact that the general subscription of 1893 advanced \$2,500, a splendid indorsement of the work by the general public.

This achievement is directly due to the very efficient management of the Superintendent, Rev. Mr. Swadener. The Society timidly sought his appointment last year, fearing to add to its financial burdens, but determined to occupy a broader and more aggressive sphere. The result has proved the wisdom of the policy, even from a financial point of view.

The Society, during the past year, has paid interest on account of McLean, Camp Washington, and Price Hill; has paid Building Association dues of North Fairmount; made the annual payment upon the O'Bryonville property; paid in full the balance of the McKendree mortgage debt; paid the last obligation on account of Addyston church-building; paid the rents and current expenses of the McMicken Avenue, Sixth Street, and O'Bryonville Missions; paid the rent of the colored brethren at Cumminsville and Walnut Hills, and the general expenses of the management.

There has been a splendid work accomplished during the year in the religious part of our organization. Thousands of tracts, religious newspapers, Bibles, and Testaments have been delivered personally where their influence would be felt, as well as scattered broadcast. The visits upon the sick, and missionary calls under the direction of the Society, will average over ten a day, aggregating 3,731. Preaching services, gospel and class meetings, Epworth Leagues, industrial and kindergarten schools, with all of the collateral meetings growing out of them, have been regularly conducted. The total number of services held by the Society was 952. But better than the organization is the result of over 150 professions of conversion in our missions themselves, as well as a large number in meetings conducted by our Superintendent outside.

The work of the Society is apparently of a local nature, and yet it directly affects every church in the Cincinnati Conference. Cincinnati, as the principal city of the Conference, is drawing to itself from every district young men and young women, and will continue to draw them through future generations. Is not the character of the atmosphere they shall breathe in this great city of more than ordinary importance, yes, of vital importance to their parents, pastors, and friends? The work of this

Society is not separate and distinct from that of the Churches, but is the effort of the united Churches, carried forward into fields that they could not occupy individually, to check immorality and instill pure religion. If it succeeds in clarifying the atmosphere in any degree, then it benefits directly every charge which has or will send any of its members to seek their fortunes in this city.

The Society, by force of circumstances, has been compelled to devote its energy to the assistance of the financially burdened Churches, and the impression seems to have become current that it had no interest in the patronizing Churches except the money contributed. The impression is erroneous. If its interests are not identical with those of the Churches, if it can not share in their joys and sorrows, if it does not groan under their burdens, then it is not entitled to their patronage. During the past year the Society has been enabled, through its Superintendent, to express in a practical, personal way its sympathy and a desire to co-operate, and God has honored the effort.

There appears in the report of this year the proceeds of the first *bequest* to this Society—that of Mrs. Dr. John Davis. The gift became available at a peculiarly distressing period, and was fully appreciated for its timely assistance. But the relief thus afforded could not be compared with it as an evidence of confidence in the work exercised by the departed. A *second bequest* has been reported. The Society has, therefore, not only received, during the past year, the thorough indorsement of the living in very liberal contributions, but also the practical admonition of the dying that the work must be perpetuated. Does this not suggest the propriety, as opportunity offers, of urging this Society as a worthy legatee?

The Cincinnati Church Extension Society makes this brief report, praying that the Conference will receive it, indorse the work, and request all of the charges of the Cincinnati District, as well as those suburban charges dependent upon the city, to include it in their benevolent efforts, and, if possible, to take up a special collection for the benefit of this work.

Respectfully,

J. R. CLARK, *President*.

CINCINNATI, August 29, 1893.

CORRESPONDENCE.

LETTER TO REV. ASBURY LOWREY, D. D.

TROY, OHIO, August 31, 1893.

REV. ASBURY LOWREY, D. D.:

Dearlly Beloved Brother,—The undersigned were appointed by the Cincinnati Annual Conference to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th inst., expressing your disappointment at your inability to attend our present session, and also to extend to you our Christian salutations. We find in your letter the following: "I can only give you my love and blessing and ask your prayers. I am resigned, peaceful, and hopeful. Full salvation is in demand now. The atonement is the anchorage of my faith and hope. Christ is all! My kind and patient wife, who always accompanies me, shares the disappointment. She joins me in love."

In these statements of yours we recognize, with profound gratitude to God, your experience of the infinite grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. We reciprocate your courtesies. We extend to you our fraternal Christian greetings, and our sincere sympathy in your protracted feebleness and your inability to work for Christ, as heretofore, and in doing which you have had such abundant success and joy.

We also note, with pain, the improbability that you will soon, if ever, be able to be with us in our Conference sessions. We remind you of your ample resources in Christ. The promises of Divine help and comfort, which, as a minister of Jesus, you have been able, for fifty years, to present to your fellow-men, are no more really available to them than they are to you. We trust these exceeding great and precious promises will have abundant fulfillment in all your afflictions as the prisoner of the Lord. God assures you that his promises of strength and comfort shall be equal to your day and needs: "As thy days, shall thy strength be;" "My grace is sufficient for thee;" "With the temptation, God will make a way for your escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

Then, also, every form of trial shall be conducive to your highest and truest welfare. "For we know that all things work together for good to them that love God."

We rejoice in the long, successful, and happy ministry God has enabled you to fulfill. The memory of it must be very sweet. We also congratulate you that, in your present infirmities, you are able, by publishing your excellent monthly—*The Divine Life*—to know that you are not wholly unemployed for the Master, and also that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. We have long known and appreciated the exalted moral tone of your periodical. It is said that, in all her voluminous writings, Hannah More never wrote a line that, dying, she could wish to blot. And so, in your excellent monthly we can see cause only for congratulation.

We pray and believe that your grace may abound yet more and more. We trust that if we are denied further personal fellowship with you in Christ's work, we shall be permitted to renew it under the better conditions awaiting.

"There all our toils are o'er,
Our suffering and our pain;
Who meet on that eternal shore,
Shall never part again."

On behalf of the Conference, and for ourselves personally, we are, dear brother, ever yours in the kingdom and patience of Jesus,

THOMAS H. PEARNE,	} <i>Committee.</i>
W. L. HYPES,	
T. S. COWDEN,	

MRS. REV. A. B. LEONARD.

TROY, OHIO, September 4, 1893.

TO MRS. REV. A. B. LEONARD, D. D., AND FAMILY:

Dear Sister,—The undersigned were appointed a Committee by the Cincinnati Conference to address you a letter, conveying to you our deep and sincere sympathy with you in your severe bodily afflictions, of which we have just learned. Our grief for you in this emergency is increased by our knowledge that your husband is far distant from you. As his Conference associates, who honor and love him and his family, we write to assure you and your children of our love and esteem. We also desire to commend you to the God of all grace. Trust in him with all your heart. Commit yourself

"To His sure love and tender care,
Who earth and heaven commands."

He will not fail you. He says: "Call upon me in the day of trouble. I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me."

We record our fervent prayers for your recovery from this illness, if such be God's good will. We pray that he will divinely sustain and com-

fort you, and that you and yours may glorify him for delivering grace.
For ourselves personally, and on behalf of the Conference, we are, dear
sister, Yours in Christian love,

THOMAS H. PEARNE,
WM. L. HYPES,
T. S. COWDEN, } *Committee.*

FROM THE MIAMI (OHIO) CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE.

COVINGTON, OHIO, September 2, 1893.

TO THE M. E. CONFERENCE:

The Miami (Ohio) Christian Conference send Christian greetings in
our common work for the Master. N. DEL. McREYNOLDS, *Secretary.*

REPORT ON A PLAN FOR THE SUSTENTATION OF SUPERANNU-
ATES AND OTHER CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

To the Cincinnati Annual Conference, 1893:

Your Committee were appointed at our last annual session to report
at the present session of the Cincinnati Annual Conference upon the sub-
ject of "a Uniform Plan for the Sustentation of Superannuates and Other
Conference Claimants," which plan was submitted at the session of our
body in 1892.

We respectfully present the following report:

The plan submitted to us is known as the plan adopted, and for years
observed by the New York East Conference. It is as follows:

(a) SUSTENTATION OF SUPERANNUATES.

"I. COLLECTION.

"Each congregation shall observe a Sunday to be known as Veteran's
Day, upon which the pastor shall present this cause to the members of
the Church, and emphasize their obligations to the Conference claimants.
A collection shall be taken in the public congregation for the support of
Conference claimants separate from any other interest.

"II. DISTRIBUTION.

"All moneys received for annual distribution in aid of the support of
Conference claimants shall be divided into two sums: the first, consisting of
seventy-five per cent of the whole, shall be called the Annuity Fund; the
second consisting of twenty-five per cent of the whole, shall be called the
Necessitous Fund. All superannuated ministers, the widows, and children
under fifteen years of age, of deceased ministers, shall be Conference
claimants, unless the claim be voluntarily relinquished.

"The Annuity Fund shall be divided among the claimants upon the
following basis: Each minister shall receive annually ten dollars for each
year of his effective service; each widow shall receive one-half her hus-
band's claim; each child shall receive one-fifth its father's claim. These
claims shall be paid *pro rata* from the moneys in hand.

"The Necessitous Fund shall be divided among the claimants,
whether superannuates, widows, or children, whose annuities are insuf-
ficient for their needs, in such proportions as the Committee on Confer-
ence Claimants may deem equitable.

"The gross allowance to each claimant from the above funds shall be
reported to and approved by the Annual Conference.

"WHEREAS, The carrying out of this plan will require an increased
income for the support of Conference claimants; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That each member of the Conference, except those who are superannuated, will be expected to contribute at least five dollars annually to the above funds." (a)

Upon this plan, observe the following statements:

1. The Veteran's "Ministerial Relief Association," made up of prominent and influential laymen from twenty Annual Conferences, petitions this Conference to aid in adopting a uniform plan for the sustentation of superannuates and their families, and other Conference claimants.

2. These laymen urge, with logical force, that if the several Annual Conferences can be induced to act, herein, in concert, and to adopt a simple, practical, uniform plan, the way will thus be prepared for the adoption of a Connectional Plan at an early date. They have carefully examined all the plans in operation among Methodists in this and in other countries. They have selected the one named and copied in this report as the one best adapted to form the basis of the future Connectional Plan.

3. The reasons assigned by the above-named Laymen's Association for deeming the foregoing plan the best for adoption by all the Annual Conferences are the following:

(1) It has been in successful operation in the New York East Conference for several years. It was also adopted by the Newark Conference at its last session.

(2) This plan is based upon length or term of service. Thus a premium is placed upon a long ministry. In addition to the annuity idea, it includes a claim for the necessitous; and thus is made provision for the superannuate or his family, of short ministerial service.

(3) By this plan the pauper idea is entirely excluded. Every superannuate, and the widow and young child of a deceased minister, are made claimants by right, as they were at the beginning.

(4) By requiring an annual payment from each member of the Conference except superannuates, the claim is made one of equity. It thus frees the ministry from the charge of asking for an annuity to which they do not contribute.

(5) It discontinues the omnibus collection. The neglect to give this cause a special presentation is largely responsible for the pittance contributed to it. A day set apart to consider the claims of the veterans, and a public collection for their support, taken separately from any other object or interest, will lay this matter upon the heart of the Church in a way to secure all needed supplies.

4. The reasons just rehearsed are conclusive to your Committee. We judge that if they are carefully considered, they will be so taken and accepted by the whole Conference. In the judgment of some of the members of your Committee, there is a real equity in favor of all superannuated preachers being claimants upon the net produce of the Book Concern, whether they are in the category of needy superannuates or not. This equity arises from the fact that the early Methodists projected this great Book Concern. They did so with the explicit understanding that the net produce of the establishment should inure to the benefit of the founders of the plants, and also to those who have ever been the faithful, active agents and supporters of the Book Concern. The payment of an annual sum by all the effective traveling preachers adds an equity to an equity, which has always existed.

We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the plan submitted to us from the Veteran Methodist Ministers' Association, contained also in this report, and marked (a) (a) at the beginning and end of the extract furnished herein.

THOMAS H. PEARNE,
J. F. MARLAY,
R. S. RUST,

JNO. PEARSON,
WM. I. FEE,
Committee.

REV. WILLIAM H. BLACK.

YOUR Committee, appointed to consider the case of William H. Black, report as follows: There were before us definite complaints that, for a period of almost twenty years, he has used improper methods in business. It is alleged that he has borrowed money without a probability of paying it; taken up goods without a probability of paying for them; and, in many cases, made promises which he has wholly ignored.

We are of the opinion that his character should not pass without a formal investigation of the complaints made against him. We recommend that his case be referred to the presiding elder of the Cincinnati District for action, according to Paragraph 216, Section 1, of the Discipline: "In the interval between the sessions of the Annual Conference, the presiding elder shall call not less than five, nor more than nine, members of the Conference to investigate the case, and, if possible, bring the accused and accuser face to face; and he shall cause a correct record of the proceedings and evidence in the investigation to be kept and transmitted to the Annual Conference."

We recommend also that T. H. Pearne and Thomas Collett be appointed to represent the Church in this action.

J. G. VAUGHAN, *Secretary.*

F. G. MITCHELL,

A. H. LUCAS,

F. M. CLEMANS, *Chairman.*

J. VERITY.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

YEAR	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1800.	October 6. . .	Bethel Academy, Ky., .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1801.	October 1, . .	Ebenezer, Tenn., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1802.	October 1, . .	Bethel Academy, Ky., .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1803.	October 2, . .	Mt. Gerizim, Ky., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1804.	October 2, . .	Mt. Gerizim, Ky., . . .	W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1805.	October 2, . .	Anthony Houston, Ky., .	{ Francis Asbury, . . Richard Whatcoat, .	William Burke.
1806.	September 15.	Ebenezer, Tenn., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1807.	September 14.	Chillicothe, O.,	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1808.	October 1. . .	Liberty Hill, Tenn., . .	{ Francis Asbury, . . W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1809.	September 30.	Cincinnati, O.,	{ Francis Asbury, . . W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1810.	September 6, .	Shelbyville, Ky., . . .	W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1811.	October 5, . .	Cincinnati, O.,	W. McKendree, . .	Learner Blackman.

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1812.	October 1, . .	Chillicothe, O.,	W. McKendree, . .	Charles Holliday.
1813.	September 1, .	Steubenville, O.,	W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
1814.	September 8, .	Cincinnati, O.,	John Sale, P. E., . .	David Young.
1815.	September 14.	Lebanon, O.,	W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
1816.	September 3, .	Louisville, Ky.,	{ W. McKendree, . . Enoch George, . .	David Young.
1817.	September 3, .	Zanesville, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . . R. R. Roberts, . .	David Young.
1818.	August 7, . .	Steubenville, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . . Enoch George, . .	John Tevis.
1819.	August 7, . .	Cincinnati, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . . Enoch George, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1820.	August 8, . .	Chillicothe, O.,	R. R. Roberts,	Cornelius Springer.
1821.	September 6, .	Lebanon, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . . R. R. Roberts, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1822.	September 5, .	Marietta, O.,	{ Enoch George, . . W. McKendree, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1823.	September 3, .	Urbana, O.,	R. R. Roberts,	Cornelius Springer.
1824.	September 2, .	Zanesville, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . . R. R. Roberts, . . J. Soule,	James Collard.
1825.	October 12, . .	Columbus, O.,	Enoch George,	Isaac C. Hunter.
1826.	October 4, . .	Hillsboro, O.,	E. Hedding,	G. R. Jones.
1827.	September 19.	Cincinnati, O.,	Enoch George,	G. R. Jones.
1828.	September 18.	Chillicothe, O.,	R. R. Roberts,	G. R. Jones.
1829.	September 3, .	Urbana, O.,	{ R. R. Roberts, . . W. McKendree, . .	G. R. Jones.
1830.	September 8, .	Lancaster, O.,	J. Soule,	H. O. Sheldon.
1831.	September 8, .	Mansfield, O.,	E. Hedding,	H. O. Sheldon.
1832.	September 19.	Dayton, O.,	J. Emory,	H. O. Sheldon.
1833.	August 21, . .	Cincinnati, O.,	R. R. Roberts,	H. O. Sheldon.
1834.	August 20, . .	Circleville, O.,	J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1835.	August 19, . .	Springfield, O.,	{ O. J. Andrew, . . J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1836.	September 28.	Chillicothe, O.,	J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1837.	September 27.	Xenia, O.,	R. R. Roberts,	J. M. Trimble.
1838.	September 26.	Columbus, O.,	B. Waugh,	J. M. Trimble.
1839.	September 18.	Cincinnati, O.,	J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1840.	September 30.	Zanesville, O.,	{ E. Hedding, J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1841.	August 25, . .	Urbana, O.,	R. R. Roberts,	J. M. Trimble.
1842.	September 28.	Hamilton, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. M. Trimble.
1843.	September 27.	Chillicothe, O.,	J. Soule,	T. M. Trimble.
1844.	September 4, .	Marietta, O.,	{ B. Waugh, J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.

YEAR	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1845.	September 3,	Cincinnati, O.,	L. L. Hamline, . .	J. M. Trimble.
1846.	September 2,	Piqua, O.,	T. A. Morris, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1847.	September 1,	Columbus, O.,	E. S. Janes, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1848.	September 27,	Newark, O.,	L. L. Hamline, . .	J. M. Trimble.
1849.	September 19,	Dayton, O.,	{ B. Waugh,	J. M. Trimble.
			{ L. L. Hamline, . .	
1850.	September 18,	Chillicothe, O.,	{ E. S. Janes, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
			{ T. A. Morris, . . .	
1851.	September 17,	Springfield, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. M. Trimble.

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

1852.	September 22,	Xenia, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. T. Mitchell.
1853.	September 28,	Hillsboro, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. T. Mitchell.
1854.	September 23,	Cincinnati, O.,	L. Scott,	J. T. Mitchell.
1855.	September 26,	Urbana, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. T. Mitchell.
1856.	October 1, . . .	Ripley, O.,	E. R. Ames,	J. T. Mitchell.
1857.	September 9, . .	Piqua, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. T. Mitchell.
1858.	September 8, . .	Lebanon, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. T. Mitchell.
1859.	September 7, . .	Dayton, O.,	E. R. Ames,	J. T. Mitchell.
1860.	September 5, . .	Oxford, O.,	M. Simpson,	J. T. Mitchell.
1861.	September 4, . .	Springfield, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. T. Mitchell.
1862.	September 3, . .	Cincinnati, O.,	E. R. Ames,	J. T. Mitchell.
1863.	September 2, . .	Xenia, O.,	O. C. Baker,	W. H. Sutherland.
1864.	September 8, . .	Greenfield, O.,	M. Simpson,	W. H. Sutherland.
1865.	August 30, . . .	Troy, O.,	D. W. Clark,	W. H. Sutherland.
1866.	August 29, . . .	Ripley, O.,	E. Thomson,	W. H. Sutherland.
1867.	August 28, . . .	Urbana, O.,	T. A. Morris,	W. H. Sutherland.
1868.	August 26, . . .	Hamilton, O.,	D. W. Clark,	W. H. Sutherland.
1869.	August 25, . . .	Hillsboro, O.,	E. R. Ames,	W. H. Sutherland.
1870.	August 24, . . .	Piqua, O.,	E. S. Janes,	W. H. Sutherland.
1871.	August 30, . . .	Dayton, O.,	L. Scott,	W. H. Sutherland.
1872.	August 28, . . .	Eaton, O.,	I. W. Wiley,	W. H. Sutherland.
1873.	August 27, . . .	Springfield, O.,	E. R. Ames,	W. H. Sutherland.
1874.	August 26, . . .	Wilmington, O.,	R. S. Foster,	W. H. Sutherland.
1875.	September 1, . .	Cincinnati, O.,	E. G. Andrews, . . .	W. H. Sutherland.
1876.	August 30, . . .	Oxford, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	W. H. Sutherland.
1877.	September 5, . .	Xenia, O.,	G. Haven,	W. H. Sutherland.
1878.	September 4, . .	Piqua, O.,	W. L. Harris,	D. J. Starr.
1879.	September 3, . .	Urbana, O.,	M. Simpson,	D. J. Starr.
1880.	September 1, . .	Middletown, O.,	Jesse T. Peck,	D. J. Starr.
1881.	September 7, . .	Springfield, O.,	Isaac W. Wiley, . . .	D. J. Starr.
1882.	September 6, . .	Dayton, O.,	T. Bowman,	D. J. Starr.
1883.	September 5, . .	Hamilton, O.,	R. S. Foster,	D. J. Starr.
1884.	September 3, . .	Hillsboro, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	Frank G. Mitchell.
1885.	September 3, . .	Walnut Hills, Cin'ti, O.	W. L. Harris,	Frank G. Mitchell.
1886.	September 2, . .	Piqua, O.,	J. M. Walden,	Frank G. Mitchell.
1887.	August 31, . . .	Mechanicsburg, O., . . .	E. G. Andrews, . . .	Stanley O. Royal.
1888.	September 5, . .	Jamestown, O.,	H. W. Warren,	Stanley O. Royal.
1889.	September 4, . .	Xenia, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	Stanley O. Royal.
1890.	August 27, . . .	Greenville, O.,	I. W. Joyce,	Stanley O. Royal.
1891.	September 2, . .	Urbana, O.,	R. S. Foster,	Stanley O. Royal.
1892.	August 31, . . .	Middletown, O.,	W. X. Ninde,	Stanley O. Royal.
1893.	August 30, . . .	Troy, O.,	J. F. Hurst,	Stanley O. Royal.

VIII.

In Memoriam.

ROBED AND CROWNED.

BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

NAME.	BORN.	ENT'D MINISTRY.		Conse- crated Bishop.	REMARKS.
		Conference.	Y'r.		
Thomas Coke.....	Oct. 9, 1747	Brit. Wes.	1778	1784	Died at sea, May 3, 1814.
Francis Asbury.....	Aug. 20, 1745	Brit. Wes.	1766	1784	Died in Virginia, March 31, 1816.
Richard Whatcoat.....	Feb. 23, 1736	Brit. Wes.	1769	1800	Died in Delaware, July 5, 1806.
William McKendree.....	July 6, 1757	M. E. Ch.	1788	1808	Died in Tennessee, March 5, 1835.
Enoch George.....	Mar. 10, 1768	M. E. Ch.	1790	1816	Died in Virginia, August 23, 1828.
Robert R. Roberts.....	Aug. 2, 1778	Baltimore.	1802	1816	Died in Indiana, March 28, 1843.
Joshua Soule.....	Aug. 1, 1781	New York.	1799	1824	Entered M. E. Ch. So., '46, died Mar. 6, '67.
Elijah Hedding.....	June 7, 1780	New Eng.	1801	1824	Died in Poughkeepsie, April 9, 1852.
James Osgood Andrew.....	May 3, 1794	S. Carol'a	1813	1832	Bish. M. E. Ch. So., '46; died Mar. 1, '71.
John Emory.....	April 11, 1789	Phila.....	1810	1832	Died in Maryland, December 16, 1835.
Beverly Waugh.....	Oct. 25, 1789	Baltimore.	1809	1836	Died in Maryland, February 9, 1858.
Thomas A. Morris.....	April 28, 1794	Ohio.....	1816	1836	Died in Springfield, O., Sept. 2, 1874.
Leonidas L. Hamline.....	May 10, 1797	Ohio.....	1833	1844	Resig'd 1852; died in Iowa, Mar. 22, '65
Edmund Storer James.....	April 27, 1807	Phila.....	1830	1844	Died in New York, Sept. 18, 1876.
Levi Scott.....	Oct. 11, 1802	Phila.....	1825	1832	Died in Odessa, July 13, 1882.
Matthew Simpson.....	June 21, 1811	Pittsburg	1834	1852	Died in Philadelphia, June 18, 1884.
Osnion C. Baker.....	July 30, 1812	N. Hamp.	1839	1852	Died in Concord, N. H., Dec. 20, 1871.
Edward R. Ames.....	Dec. 20, 1806	Illinois.....	1830	1852	Died in Baltimore, April 23, 1879.
* Francis Burns.....	Dec. 5, 1809	Liberia.....	1838	1858	Died in Baltimore, April 18, 1863.
Davis Wasgatt Clark.....	Feb. 25, 1812	New York.	1843	1864	Died in Cincinnati, May 23, 1871.
Edward Thomson.....	Oct. 12, 1810	Ohio.....	1832	1864	Died in Wheeling, W. Va., Mar. 22, '70.
Calvin Kingsley.....	Sept. 8, 1812	Erie.....	1841	1864	Died in Beyroot, Syria, April 6, 1870.
* John W. Roberts.....	Sept. 8, 1812	Liberia	1838	1866	Died in Africa, January 30, 1875.
William L. Harris.....	Nov. 4, 1817	Michigan ..	1837	1872	Died in New York, Sept. 2, 1887
Isaac W. Wiley.....	Mar. 29, 1825	Phila.....	1851	1872	Died in Foochow, China, Nov. 22, 1884.
Gilbert Haven.....	Sept. 19, 1821	N. Eng'd.	1851	1872	Died in Malden, Mass., Jan. 3, 1880.
Jesse T. Peck.....	April 4, 1811	Oneida.....	1832	1872	Died in Syracuse, N. Y., May 17, 1883.
Erastus O. Haven.....	Nov. 1, 1820	New York.	1848	1880	Died in Salem, Oreg., August 2, 1881.

* Missionary Bishops.

OHIO CONFERENCE.

OUR FATHERS AND BROTHERS.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF DEATH.	AGE.
Lewis Hunt,	Dec. 3, 1801, Kentucky, . . . . .	...	...
William Young,	July 8, 1812, Ohio,	26	26
Ralph Lotspeich,	Dec. 15, 1813, Ohio,	32	32
Walter Griffith,	June 27, 1822, Xenia, O.,	40	40
Samuel Baker,	Sept. 26, 1823,	30	30
Alexander Cummins,	Sept. 27, 1823, Cincinnati, O.,	36	36
Nathan Walker,	Aug. 26, 1825, Frankfort, Ky.,	39	39
John Walker,	April 5, 1849,	52	52
John Sale,	Jan. 15, 1827, Troy, O.,	58	58
Michael Ellis,	Oct. 30, 1830, Rehoboth, O.,	72	72
John Ulin,	July 13, 1833, Newark, O.,	41	41
James F. Callaghan,	Nov. 9, 1833, Marietta, O., . . . . .	...	...
Thomas F. Sargent,	Dec. 29, 1833, Cincinnati, O.,	57	57
William Page,	Nov. 15, 1834, Ohio,	62	62
Philip Gatch,	Dec. 28, 1834, Ohio,	83	83
Russel Bigelow,	July 1, 1835, Columbus, O.,	43	43
William Phillips,	Aug. 6, 1836, Cincinnati, O.,	39	39
Erastus Felton,	June 25, 1837, Ohio,	39	39
John A. Waterman,	Aug. 6, 1837, Oxford, O.,	47	47
James W. Finley,	June 11, 1838, Kentucky,	38	38

OUR FATHERS AND BROTHERS.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF DEATH.	AGE.
William D. Barrett, . . .	July, 19, 1797, Virginia, . . .	Feb. 22, 1839, Ohio,	42
Dudley Woodbridge, . . .	1814, Ohio,	Jan. 3, 1839, Marietta, O., . . .	25
Frederick B. Butler, . . .	July 22, 1803, Virginia,	March 5, 1839, Ohio,	36
Moses Crume,	Feb. 27, 1766, Virginia,	April 1, 1839, Oxford, O., . . .	73
George Fate,	Aug. 28, 1819, Ohio,	Aug. 28, 1839, Marion, O., . . .	20
Charles R. Baldwin, . . .	March 17, 1803, Massachusetts	Nov. 9, 1839, Parkersburg, Va., .	36
Jeremiah Hill,	Oct. 2, 1816, Rhode Island, . . .	May 26, 1840, Ohio,	24
Robert W. Finley,	June 9, 1750, Pennsylvania, . . .	Dec. 8, 1840, Ohio,	90
William B. Christie, . . .	Sept. 2, 1803, Ohio,	March 27, 1842, Cincinnati, O., .	39
Isaac C. Hunter,	Aug. 30, 1798, Pennsylvania, . .	June 27, 1842, Gallipolis, O., . .	44
Alfred Hance,	Jan. 8, 1810, New Jersey,	Feb. 2, 1843, Ohio,	33
John W. Kanaga,	Feb., 1819,	Feb. 14, 1844, Ohio,	25
Greenbury R. Jones, . . .	April 7, 1784, Pennsylvania, . . .	Sept. 20, 1844, Marietta, O., . .	60
Henry S. Farnandis, . . .	Dec. 1, 1793, Virginia,	May 17, 1845, Rushville, O., . .	52
John Collins,	Nov. 1, 1769, New Jersey,	Aug. 21, 1845, Kentucky,	76
John Ferree,	Nov. 22, 1792, Pennsylvania, . . .	Oct. 4, 1845, Jackson, O.,	53
William R. Anderson, . . .	June 21, 1810, Ross Co., O., . . .	Feb. 25, 1846, Ohio,	36
Benjamin Cooper,	June 3, 1802, Perry Co., O., . . .	May 13, 1846, Indiana,	44
Jacob Delay,	Dec. 17, 1781, Pennsylvania, . . .	Oct 18, 1846, Jackson Co., O., . .	65
William Parrish,	Oct. 25, 1800, n'r Lexington, Ky	Oct. 17, 1847, Butler Co., O., . .	47
James Quinn,	April 1, 1775, Pennsylvania, . . .	Dec. 1, 1847, Ohio,	72
Alexander Morrow, . . .	March 21, 1810, Pennsylvania, . .	Feb. 13, 1849, Ohio,	39
Benjamin Lakin,	Aug. 23, 1767, Maryland,	Feb., 1849, Ohio,	82
Nathan Emery,	Aug. 5, 1780, Maine,	May 27, 1849, Ohio,	69
Martin Wolf,	Nov. 25, 1813, Pennsylvania, . . .	July 10, 1849, Ohio,	36
Alfred L. Westervelt, . .	Jan. 22, 1821, Westerville, O., . .	July 31, 1849, Ohio,	29
Asa B. Stroud,	April 11, 1807, Ohio,	Sept. 23, 1849, Ohio,	42
Chas. B. Warrington, . . .	March 13, 1814, England,	Feb. 18, 1850, Ohio,	36
Philip A. Mutchner, . . .	Jan. 10, 1817, Ohio,	Oct. 2, 1850, Ohio,	33
Joseph T. Lewis,	April 18, 1824, Ohio,	Nov. 3, 1850, Cincinnati, O., . .	26
O. P. Williams,	April 13, 1814, Ohio,	1850, Ohio,	36
James A. Taylor,	1823, Ohio,	Aug. 10, 1851, Ohio,	28
Samuel Maddux,	May 2, 1818, Ohio,	Nov. 9, 1851, Logan, O.,	33
Ebenezer B. Chase, . . .	April 3, 1806, Maine,	Mch. 4, 1852, Kingston C't'y, O.,	36

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference.....	Time of Death.	Age.....	Years of Ministry.....	Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference.....	Time of Death.	Age.....	Years of Ministry.....
Wm. H. Raper,	1819	Feb. 11, 1852	58	33	Hen. E. Purkiser,	1852	Dec. 4, 1861	34	9
Jos. S. Tomlinson,	1825	June 4, 1853	51	28	Wesley Rowe,	1834	Feb. 8, 1862	52	28
Chas. G. Meredith,	1846	July 16, 1854	34	8	Joseph Newson,	1833	May 20, 1862	53	29
Gilbert C. Townley,	1848	Nov. 2, 1854	33	6	Charles R. Lovell,	1835	Sep. 25, 1862	45	29
Thomas Gorsuch,	1841	May 12, 1855	39	14	George W. Harris,	1850	Nov. 5, 1862	38	12
James M. Cavin,	1850	May 19, 1855	30	5	George B. Owens,	1853	Nov. 23, 1863	54	10
Philip Nation,	1833	Oct. 14, 1855	43	22	A. P. Dunlap,	1854	Feb. 14, 1863	34	9
James Smith,	1818	Apr. 7, 1856	65	38	A. M. Lorain,	1824	Apr. 25, 1863	72	39
George W. Walker,	1826	July 31, 1856	51	30	W. H. Fyffe,	1836	May 20, 1863	49	27
B. Browniller,	1849	Sep. 16, 1856	32	7	J. T. Mitchell,	1832	May 30, 1863	53	31
James B. Finley,	1809	Sep. 6, 1857	76	48	L. Swormstedt,	1818	Aug. 28, 1863	64	45
Moses G. Bennett,	1847	Mar. 8, 1857	37	10	C. W. Sears,	1844	Aug. 29, 1863	44	19
A. J. Dinkins,	1842	Jan. 10, 1857	44	15	Henry Baker,	1814	Dec. 24, 1863	66	49
Samuel Neer,	1854	Aug. 15, 1857	30	3	E. D. Roe,	1832	..... 1864	63	31
James B. Austin,	1828	Sep. 27, 1857	51	29	David Sharp,	1813	Apr. 21, 1865	77	52
J. J. Tiffany,	1850	Dec. 29, 1857	31	7	Enoch G. West,	1848	May 8, 1865	39	17
Arthur W. Elliott,	1818	Jan. 18, 1858	73	40	Wm. E. Spahr,	1863	Nov. 30, 1865	22	2
John S. Jackson,	1856	Mar. 29, 1858	24	2	David Whitcomb,	1826	May 17, 1866	..	40
W. S. Morrow,	1830	June 19, 1858	53	28	Levi White,	1822	Aug. 21, 1866	68	44
Robert O. Spencer,	1824	Aug. 30, 1858	52	34	M. Marlay,	1831	Sep. 2, 1866	69	35
Horace S. Sellman,	1846	Feb. 1, 1859	38	13	David Reed,	1832	Mar. 24, 1867	56	35
Perlee W. Wilber,	Tchr	June 11, 1859	52	25	Wm. S. Hartley,	1856	Feb. 7, 1869	35	13
William Kaetter,	1851	Sep. 12, 1859	46	8	Joseph M. Gatch,	1842	Feb. 13, 1869	47	27
Steph. H. Holland,	1831	Jan. 10, 1860	53	29	Arza Brown,	1824	Aug. 1, 1869	77	45
Jesse R. Hall,	1854	Aug. 30, 1860	26	6	Moses Smith,	1842	Aug. 25, 1869	52	27
Charles Kissenger,	1855	Sep. 28, 1860	30	5	Jesse Botkin,	1842	Feb. 25, 1870	62	28
Isaac I. Beall,	1849	Oct. 27, 1860	37	11	A. W. Musgrove,	1852	Apr. 19, 1870	58	30
Peter Schmucker,	1838	Dec. 9, 1860	76	46	Charles W. Swain,	1831	Apr. 25, 1870	76	39
George Danker,	1839	Mar. 4, 1861	67	22	Eli Kirk,	1857	Sep. 6, 1870	39	13
Daniel Griffis,	1853	Aug. 28, 1861	34	8	Dan'l D. Davisson,	1811	Dec. 14, 1870	85	59

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John W. Fowble, . . .	1842	July 6, 1871	56	29	Jas. F. McClelland, . .	1864	Jan. 19, 1883	...	19
John Shinn, . . .	1854	Sep. 26, 1871	47	17	Willis M. Boyer, . .	1872	Jan. 14, 1884	48	11
Isaac Neff, . . .	1849	Oct. 29, 1871	47	22	Nimrod McDonald	1856	Jan. 15, 1884	68	27
John Seys, . . .	1825	Feb. 9, 1872	72	47	David Kemper, . .	1836	Mar. 24, 1884	77	47
Levi P. Miller, . .	1830	July 28, 1872	63	42	Charles Ferguson, .	1844	June 4, 1884	67	39
Wesley Rector, . .	1871	Sep. 26, 1872	35	8	Milton G. Baker, .	1843	Sep. 26, 1884	69	41
George J. Conner, .	1859	Apr. 1, 1873	44	14	James F. Chalfant, .	1843	Oct. 5, 1884	64	41
A. B. Wambaugh, .	1838	Aug. 14, 1873	57	35	Jesse M. Robinson	1851	Oct. 11, 1884	58	33
Joshua Boucher, .	1818	Nov. 22, 1873	76	55	Andrew Murphy, .	1837	Feb. 4, 1885	88	48
H. M. Curry, . . .	1848	Mar. 3, 1874	55	26	John N. Irvin, . .	1872	Mar. 6, 1885	37	12
James Armstrong, .	1827	July 1, 1874	70	47	Joseph J. Hill, . .	1830	Nov. 11, 1885	80	55
W. Simmons, . . .	1820	Aug. 6, 1874	76	54	John C. Maddy, . .	1852	Dec. 12, 1885	63	33
N. C. Parrish, . .	1865	Feb. 15, 1875	40	10	Dennis Callahan, .	1855	May 6, 1886	67	38
W. Routledge, . .	1843	Apr. 28, 1875	68	32	J. W. Stone, . . .	1838	Oct. 14, 1886	74	49
M. G. Purkiser, . .	1835	Apr. 29, 1875	61	40	G. Moody,	1835	June 4, 1887	75	52
E. House,	1865	May 20, 1875	50	26	D. Whitmer, . . .	1846	June 23, 1887	65	41
J. C. Bontecou, . .	1827	Oct. 14, 1875	72	48	R. Brandriff, . . .	1823	July 16, 1887	84	64
N. Callender, . .	1825	Feb. 6, 1876	75	51	Wm. Young, . . .	1832	Aug. 26, 1887	80	55
P. A. Ogden, . . .	1825	Aug. 23, 1876	77	51	J. S. Peregrine, . .	1851	Feb. 24, 1888	69	37
Samuel Brown, . .	1841	Sep. 23, 1876	70	35	S. F. Conrey, . . .	1837	July 4, 1888	73	51
T. A. G. Phillips, .	1833	Feb. 28, 1877	67	44	M. P. Gaddis, . . .	1838	Sep. 8, 1888	77	50
Wm. H. Lawder, . .	1833	Apr. 20, 1877	68	44	Jer'h B. Ellsworth	1838	Apr. 30, 1889	79	51
Wm. I. Ellsworth, .	1834	May 10, 1877	70	43	Allen W. Tibbits, .	1846	May 8, 1889	67	43
Elijah H. Field, . .	1824	Oct. 1, 1878	82	54	Chas. W. Ketcham	1854	May 13, 1889	59	35
A. Meharry, . . .	1841	Nov. 18, 1878	65	37	Ephraim M. Cole, .	1850	June 29, 1889	68	39
Jos. A. Reeder, . .	1829	Nov. 24, 1878	81	49	William Mahon, . .	1859	July 1, 1889	53	21
John C. Deem, . .	1854	Jan. 21, 1879	77	25	Jer'h H. Bayliss, .	1859	Aug. 14, 1889	54	30
J. McD. Mathews, .	1831	Aug. 5, 1879	75	48	Geo. H. Kennedy, .	1853	Sep. 19, 1889	65	36
John F. Wright, . .	1815	Sep. 13, 1879	84	64	Sam'l A. Brewster, .	1854	May 25, 1890	64	36
Wm. H. Miesse, . .	1870	July 26, 1880	34	10	Thomas Lee, . . .	1851	Mar. 10, 1891	64	40
John Barton, . . .	1839	Jan. 16, 1882	64	43	J. F. Conrey, . . .	1839	Jan. 26, 1892	74	52
Herman Lüders, . .	1878	Jan. 17, 1882	39	4	L. F. Van Cleve, . .	1850	Mar. 2, 1892	66	44
David Warnock, . .	1834	Feb. 21, 1882	72	48	G. W. Kelley, . . .	1855	May 5, 1892	72	37
James Kendall, . .	1851	Mar. 2, 1882	59	31	W. F. Hines, . . .	1856	June 22, 1892	69	37
George C. Crum, . .	1831	Mar. 4, 1882	73	51	J. W. Keely, . . .	1845	Dec. 23, 1891	75	48
John W. Weakley, .	1837	Apr. 30, 1882	69	45	W. N. Williams, . .	1855	Oct. 15, 1892	...	37
Charles Kalbfus, . .	1826	May 10, 1882	75	56	J. P. Bishop, . . .	1880	Nov. 20, 1892	...	12

N. B.—The Secretary would be glad to receive information concerning the burial places of preachers who died prior to 1877,

MEMOIRS.

Rev. Joseph P. Bishop.

JOSEPH P. BISHOP was born near Cedarville, O., November 23, 1849, and died in Springfield, O., November 20, 1892. At the age of nineteen he was converted, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. He entered the university at Delaware in 1873, and graduated in 1880. The same year he was admitted on trial in the Ohio Conference, held at Zanesville, and appointed to Thorntonville Circuit. In 1881 he was sent to Washington Circuit. In 1882 he was ordained deacon by Bishop Harris at London, O., and sent to Heath charge in Columbus. In 1883 he was without work. In 1884 he was transferred to the Cincinnati Conference, and appointed to New Moorefield Circuit. In 1885 he was ordained elder by Bishop Harris, at Walnut Hills, and appointed to Mingo, and in 1886 to Fair Haven and Sugar Valley.

In 1887, because of failing health, he asked to be transferred to the Colorado Conference. Two years of hard toil and much privation were spent here, without material change for the better in his physical condi-

tion. In 1889 he desired to be transferred to the Southern California Conference. By some mistake he was transferred to the California Conference. It soon became evident to himself and his friends that consumption had fastened itself on him, and the end was not far off. In the March following, he laid down the work he loved so well, and turned aside to suffer and await the Master's call. Early in the summer of 1892 he expressed a desire to return to his friends in Ohio, that he might finish his earthly life among them. The kindness of friends made this possible, and he found a welcome at the home of his sisters in Springfield, O. Here he was generously provided for, while willing hearts and cheerful hands ministered to his wants until the end came. His sufferings were not extreme, but protracted. Uncomplaining, patient, even joyful, was the spirit manifested during his long illness. Full of faith and the Holy Ghost seems to have expressed his condition best. He calmly made all arrangements for his funeral and burial. He greatly enjoyed the visits of his brethren, while they felt it was a benediction to be in his room, so fragrant was it with the Divine presence. His faith never became clouded by doubt or by suffering; his soul was often in transports of joy. "Heaven is near;" "Christ is precious;" "O, the glorious cross—how it lifts me up!" were some of the expressions uttered by him. Truly, for him to die was gain. Brother Bishop was married to Miss Sarah Kennedy, of New Moorefield, O., October 28, 1885. This was for him a happy union. She proved herself a helpmate in their fields of labor, in the home, and in the sick-room. He was a good preacher, earnest and impressive; a faithful pastor, a diligent student, and genial in the social relations of life. His home-life shone equally well, compared with his life among his people or strangers. A widow and one little son, Paul, are left to share the sympathies of the Church, to which he consecrated himself and them.

He was laid to rest in beautiful Fern Cliff on the day of his forty-third anniversary. "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace."

J. G. BLACK.

Rev. William Newton Williams.

THE subject of this sketch was born in Washington County, Pa., April 10, 1815, and died in Dayton, O., October 15th. He was converted at a camp-meeting known as Pike Run, September 12, 1836, and soon afterward emigrated to Ohio. He married Miss Margaret A. Coddington, November 2, 1843. He was engaged in the profession of teaching for a number of years, and also served the people as Justice of the peace for several terms in the community where he resided. August 8, 1842, he was licensed to exhort, and he received license as a local preacher, March 2, 1844. At the session of the Cincinnati Conference in 1853 he was admitted on trial, and appointed to Tremont Circuit, where he traveled for two years. His fields of labor subsequently were as follows: Vienna, 1855; Addison, 1856-57; King's Creek and Mechanicsburg, 1858-59; North Lewisburg, 1860-61; Miami Circuit, 1862-63; Camden and Winchester, 1864; Venice, 1865-67; High Street, Cincinnati, 1868-69; Seven Mile, 1870; Lewisburg, 1871-72; Davidson (Dayton), 1873-75; Sears Street (Dayton), 1876-77; Camp Dennison, 1878; Newtonville, 1879; Centenary, 1880; Goshen, 1881. At the close of this year he asked and received a superannuated relation, and not long afterward removed to his own home in Dayton, where he spent the remaining years of his life in a happy, quiet old age, aiding his pastors and ministerial brethren whenever he was able, and they required his services. Brother Williams took great interest in the erection of the beautiful Broadway Church in Dayton, aiding the trustees with his valuable counsels, and acting as treasurer until after the building was completed and dedicated. God honored our brother with many gracious revivals during his active ministry, and made him the instrument in the

conversion of many precious souls; and a multitude will rise up in the great day and call him *blessed*!

He was a good, earnest, evangelical preacher; fluent in language, fertile in thought, and, being the possessor of a fine clear voice, superior in its flexibility and power, people always listened to him with great interest and attention. He was peculiarly gifted in prayer and in exhortation. The writer, when a boy, heard him on the old Urbana Camp-ground, when great numbers, under his appeals, flocked to the altar for prayers; and on many similar occasions when in the spirit, and lifting his trumpet-like voice, the effect was thrilling and wonderful. These grand old warriors, of which our departed brother was a representative, are rapidly passing from our midst. Are we younger brethren coveting and cultivating their elements of power? The gift of exhortation, used by the fathers with such marvelous power and results, has fallen into almost total disuse. Brother Williams was a most companionable man; genial, full of humor and good cheer, no one could be unhappy or uninterested in his company. Though enjoyed by his friends and brethren in the social circle, he will be missed most, of course, within the sacred precincts of home, by the companion with whom he walked for nearly half a century in the closest and sweetest intimacy and, by the son and daughter, to whom he was the kindest and wisest counselor and the most loving father. It was my privilege to know our brother well, and to enjoy his confidence and close friendship; and I can say with emphasis that he loved the Church and his brethren in the ministry with a real devotion, and rejoiced greatly in all the success of the gospel; and it was a great grief to him to be laid aside by the infirmities of advancing years from the active duties of his sacred and highly prized calling. But he has gone to enjoy the reward of the good and the faithful in the home where sorrow and parting will never be known. He wore no college honors; he needed none to increase his usefulness, or to make him more attractive in the eyes of men. His record is on high, while he lives in the memory and love of thousands whom he comforted and helped during his active ministry as the servant of the living God. May the Lord bless his aged widow, and his children and grandchildren, and bring them all at last to the everlasting reunion of the skies! To his brethren of the Cincinnati Conference, falling first in the Conference year, his death is the emphasis to the Savior's words, "Be ye also ready."

"Servant of God, well done!
Thy glorious warfare 's past;
The battle 's fought, the race is won.
And thou art crowned at last"

A. BOWERS.

Laura J. Smith.

MRS. LAURA J. SMITH, *née* Bibbins, wife of Rev. S. B. Smith, D. D., was born in Warsaw, New York, June 28, 1828; and ceased to live on earth July 24, 1893, aged sixty-five years and twenty-nine days.

She was the daughter of Rev. Samuel and Nancy Bibbins, whose lives were fragrant with good deeds in the community in which they lived. When Sister Smith was about seven years old the family removed to Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan. Here she spent the years of her young girlhood. She had the great advantage of an early and careful Christian training. Her family were regarded as superior in good morals, and the neighborhood in which they resided was one of marked moral purity. Our sister in those early years was very studious, improving her advantages so well that she was able to enter the teaching profession several years before her marriage. She was of delicate health from the first; yet she outlived her father's family and most of her youthful associates.

On October 18, 1849, she was united in marriage with Rev. S. B. Smith. From that time for more than forty-three years she shared her

husband's experiences in the itinerant ministry. Two or three years ago she was convinced that severe pulmonary trouble threatened her life. She was conscious of the stealthy approach of the dreaded disease, and anticipated the result. Prostrated by a severe cold more than a year before her death, it was found that consumption of the bronchial type had begun its direful work. Because of this, Dr. Smith felt that rest was necessary to his wife's recovery. Fearful, however, that it was now too late, and desiring to afford her every chance, he asked for himself a super-numerary relation, a year ago, at the Conference at Middletown. Immediately they removed to their pleasant home at Grand Rapids, Michigan. During the late fall and winter the disease grew rapidly, resulting at last in hemorrhage of the lungs.

Sister Smith dated her conversion to God from her early girlhood. She was led to Christ through the influence of her godly parents. At once she began the work of leading to Christ her early companions; and she was so successful that many found the Savior through her instrumentality. She was naturally retiring in her disposition; but when she became the wife of a minister she was thoroughly enlisted in the blessed work, thus becoming a great help to her husband in the work of the Church. With *her*, conscience and intellect were principal factors in her Christian life. She often expressed the wish that her emotions had been more easily aroused in her religious experience. To her the Bible, the Church, and the society of devoted Christians were principal sources of enjoyment. She longed for the more rapid progress of truth, and mourned over the prevalence of the great evils of society. She enjoyed this world as the gift of God, and the beautiful in nature, especially the flowers, as divine adornments of the home we live in.

Only a day before her death, after a walk in the garden, she exclaimed: "What a beautiful world we live in! If the next world is as beautiful, I shall be satisfied." Our sister also had a great love for the beautiful in art, and for one of her opportunities she gave evidence of ability as an artist.

In her domestic relations, affection, industry, and economy were very prominent features. No wife could be more concerned for her husband's welfare than was our sister. She planned for him in the present and for the future. The love and fellowship of more than forty-three years were stronger than ever as the end drew near. In her home and public life she had no hidden principles. Her life was clear as the light. She was true to principle, and felt that all others should be so. When seized with hemorrhage, she said, "It seems the end is near." She calmly gave directions concerning her funeral, and conversed as freely as possible about the great change coming. She had no fears. She peacefully passed from her home below to her glorious home on high.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. W. A. Frye, assisted by Revs. Denman, Davidson, Crawford, Bacon, and Crowell, in the presence of a large assembly of friends and relatives. Our dear brother, Dr. Smith, has the sympathy of this entire Conference, and of multitudes who have known him and his dear wife both in Michigan and Ohio. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

F. M. CLEMANS.

Mrs. Sarah A. Tomlinson.

MRS. SARAH A. TOMLINSON, wife of the late Rev. Joseph S. Tomlinson, D. D., died at the home of her son, W. J. Davies, in Chicago, Illinois, on Sunday morning, November 20, 1892. This noble mother in Israel was born at North Bend, Ohio, July 11, 1816. In this historic place she was awakened very early in life, sought and found Christ in the forgiveness of her sins, and continued in the abiding evidence of his wonderful salvation until death. She was united in marriage to Edward C. Davies,

a carpenter, in her twentieth year. To them were born five children, three of whom had preceded her. This blessed union of a little more than nine years was suddenly broken; her husband being instantly killed by falling from a building.

After a widowhood of some six years she was again happily married to Rev. Joseph S. Tomlinson, D. D., of the Cincinnati Conference. In this new field of labor she proved a true companion and helpmate to her husband, loyal to the Church and faithful to all Christian work. God gave them a lovely daughter, and joy and gladness filled every part of her home and life. But this did not long continue, and darkness gathered and her heart-strings were again suddenly broken by the sad death of her husband at Neville, Ohio, June 4, 1853. Soon after that, she removed to Urbana, Ohio, and united with the Second (now Grace) Methodist Episcopal Church, where she lived and wrought nobly for the Master until 1871, when she removed with her children to Chicago. She was greatly beloved by them, and every attention and comfort was bestowed upon her. It could not be otherwise; her life and piety had so impressed them, that her presence everywhere was a supreme delight. Speaking of her the sons said:

"Among the most pleasing recollections of life are those of our childhood in Cincinnati, when mother took us with her to the ladies' class. The impression there made can never be forgotten."

In her Christian life she was always cheerful, permitting no doubts to arise, and would suffer no one to express doubtful sentiments in her presence. To her, religion was a reality and "Christ was all and in all." Her life-history briefly summed up was one full of sympathy and love, purity and power. Nobly, beyond eulogy, she filled the measure of her responsibilities, and entered into rest.

Soon after going to Chicago her daughter died—then later a granddaughter; so finally she was overcome with nervous prostration, and for nine years she passed through sufferings which only can be computed by Him who knoweth all things; but through grace she triumphed over all, and passed away, sweetly whispering,

"Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to thy bosom fly."

Glory be to God for such a wonderful salvation! Interred at Urbana,
Ohio. E. BURDSALL.

Mrs. J. Verity.

Lou J., daughter of David and Sarah King, was born at Tiffin, O., March 10, 1838. Her parents being devout followers of Christ, she was taught the way of the Lord from early childhood, and in early youth made an open confession of faith in Christ, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. She was united in marriage to Rev. Jonathan Verity, June 30, 1868. For twenty-five years she cheerfully and uncomplainingly shared with her husband the toils of an itinerant life. During all these years, when both were at home, it was their uniform habit to kneel together twice a day in private prayer. She was a faithful counselor and the light of her home.

Of five children born to them, but one is left. The dear daughter, Nannie, sojourning for a time in Europe, preparing for her life-work, being notified of her mother's illness, at once started on the long journey homeward, hoping and praying for her mother's recovery; but not until she arrived in New York did she receive the sad news of her mother's death. May the Rock of Ages be her shelter from the storm!

Sister Verity's home was her kingdom; nevertheless, with great devotion, she engaged in Church-work, and was always and everywhere a true source of help to her husband in his ministry. In every charge they

served she, "though dead, yet speaketh." A single fact makes clear her great devotion to the work of the Master, and her uniform faithfulness in standing by her husband. During one year's evangelistic work in Iowa, she was absent only four times out of seven hundred and seventy-three services which he held, and two of the four times of absence she remained at home to care for the pastor's child, that his wife might enjoy the privilege of attending the meetings. She was greatly attached to her Sunday-school class of young men, whom she taught until within two Sabbaths before her death.

Though a silent sufferer for months before her death, her seat in the public and social services of the Church was seldom vacant. Years ago, noting the joyous character of her husband's experience, she became troubled about her own, because hers was of the quiet order. For a long time she made the subject a matter of self-examination and prayer. During these spiritual exercises the Divine Comforter whispered in her heart this Scripture: "The work of righteousness shall be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever." She at once settled down upon this unspeakably precious truth, and all her anxious solicitude with regard to her own experience passed away, and she immediately entered into an all-pervading and ineffable soul-rest. From that hour until the last battle was fought and the final victory won, her experience was pre-eminently that of "quietness and assurance forever."

Only a few hours before she passed away, she said to some friends who were standing by her bedside: "As for myself, it makes but little difference; but I think that pa and Nannie need me, and if it had been the Lord's will, I would have been glad to stay a little longer with them;" and then added, with a face all radiant with heavenly light: "But it's all right."

Notwithstanding all thought of and care for her home and flowers that she loved so well had been entirely dismissed from her mind, never once having even spoken of them, when the morning of the Fourth of July came she called her husband to her bedside, saying to him: "Pa, you must not forget to put the flag out this morning." Under the circumstance such care seems strange; but the explanation is found in the fact that the flag of our country had an intensified meaning to her. Her only brother had been starved to death in Andersonville prison.

We can not account for Sister Verity's great patience and fortitude under severe and continued suffering, except on the ground of her faith in the abounding grace of God. To look upon her cheerful face, and to hear her words of resignation and hope was a means of grace to those who were gathered about her. In our sister's departure, a sweet life has come to an end on the earth, and a purified soul has joined the redeemed host above.

W. L. HYPES.

